

Annual Report

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

NEW HAMPSHIRE



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998

TELEPHONE NUMBERS
EMERGENCY 911
TOWN OFFICES

Animal Control	286-8514
Assessor's Office	286-7039
Building Inspector	286-7039
FAX - Police	286-2027
FAX - Town Hall	286-3328
FAX - Town Sheds	286-4490
Fire Station	286-4781
Health Officer	286-7039
Library	286-8971
Pines Community Center	286-8653
Planning Board	286-7039
Police Emergency	286-8514
Police Business Office	286-8982
Recycling Area	286-7548
Road Agent	286-4490
Selectmen's Office	286-7039
Tax Collector	286-4482
Town Clerk	286-4482
T-N Recreation Council	286-8653
Welfare Administrator	286-7039
Youth Assistance Program	286-8577
Zoning Board	286-7039

SCHOOLS

Southwick School	286-3611
Union Sanborn Elementary	286-4332
Middle School	286-7143
Winnisquam Regional High School	286-4531
Superintendents's Office	286-4116

HOSPITALS

Franklin Regional Hospital	934-2060
Lakes Region General Hospital	524-3211

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for the

Town of Northfield, New Hampshire

For the year ending December 31, 1998

Northfield Polling Place:

Northfield Town Hall

21 Summer Street

Tuesday, March 9, 1999

10:00 AM - 7:00PM

Northfield Town Meeting:

The Pines Community Center

61 Summer Street

Saturday, March 13, 1999

10:00 AM

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ELECTED OFFICIALSTERM EXPIRES

SELECTMEN:

Glen Brown, Chairman	1999
Lana Dearborn	2000
William Nickerson	2001

MODERATOR:

Charles W. Chandler	2000
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TREASURER:

Roland Seymour	1999
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TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:

Eliza H. Conde	1999
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ROAD AGENT:

Albert E. Cross	2000
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TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS:

Marjorie Nickerson	2000
Scott Caveney	2001
Scott McGuffin	1999

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST:

Terry Steady, Chairman	2000
Elaine Lamanuzzi	2004
Deborah Wheeler	2002

WINNISQUAM REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD:

Brian Love	2000
Robert Mazur	2001
Michael Beadle	1999

HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEES:

Scott McGuffin	LIFE
Edna W. Southwick	LIFE
Sally Lawrence	LIFE
Foster Peverly	2001
Eliza Conde	2001

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Albert Cross	2001
Jonathan Dupuis	2000
Steven Mazur	1999

APPOINTED OFFICIALS:

Assistant Moderator	Edward Bedard
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Judy Huckins
Health Officer	Dana Dickson
Deputy Health Officer	Scott Hilliard

TOWN EMPLOYEES:

TOWN HALL STAFF

Administrator	Joyce May Fulweiler
Executive Assistant	Debra J. Shepard
Code Enforcement Officer	Dana Dickson
Welfare Administrator	Sharon Stephen
Animal Control Officer	Donald Carpenter

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief	Scott E. Hilliard
Lieutenant	Joseph M. Corso
Sergeant	Stephen P. Adams
Police Officer	Douglas R. Trottier
Police Officer	Kenneth A. Pierce, III
Police Officer	John R. Raffaelly
Police Officer	Timothy M. Dow
Police Officer	Adam Roy
Part-Time Police Officer	Donald Sullivan
Part-Time Police Officer	Stephan D. Dow
Part-Time Police Officer	James McIntire
Part-Time Police Officer	Michael Hutchinson
Part-Time Police Officer	Laurent Cotnoir
Administrative Assistant	Sally Robert
Part-Time Secretary	Meredith Hirtle

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Heavy Equipment Operator	Stephen Swain
Asst. Equipment Operator	Wilfred Fleury
Mechanic	Richard Clark
Truck Driver	John Bilodeau
Truck Driver	Sumner Weeks
Recycling Attendant/Laborer	David Shaw
Recycling Attendant	Michael Kimball
Laborer	Kenneth Shaw
Secretary	Judy Huckins
P.T. Recycling Attendant	Harold Fife

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES

TERMS EXPIRE

BUDGET COMMITTEE

George Corliss, Jr., Chairman	2001
Brian Huckins	2001
Steve Randall	1999
Christopher Irish	1999
Maurice Dearborn, Jr.	2000
Linda Luedke	2000
Lana Dearborn, Selectmen's Rep.	

PLANNING BOARD

David Krause, Chairman	1999
Douglas Read	2001
Ode Cormier	2001
Carolyn Boeckman	2000
Eloise Lyford	2000
Donald Stevens	2000
Susan Lynch	2001(Alt.)
Michael Curley	2001(Alt.)
William Nickerson, Selectmen's Rep.	

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Kent Finemore, Chairman	2001
David Curdie	2001
Stephen Bluhm	2001
Chris Hunt	2000
Lana Dearborn, Selectmen's Rep.	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Sumner Weeks	1999
Chris Hunt, Chairman	2000
Richard Bellerose	2001

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

John Laflamme	Claire Cross
Albert Cross	Marion Houlihan
Kent Woods	William Dawson

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Steve Randall, Chairman	Joyce Fulweiler
Linda Luedke	David Krause
Gerard St. Cyr	Albert Cross
Scott Hilliard	Stephen Bluhm
Lana Dearborn	

NORTHFIELD SEWER DISTRICT

Robin D. Steady, Commissioner
George Prescott, Commissioner
Jack Willey, Commissioner

TILTON-NORTHFIELD FIRE DISTRICT

Thomas G. Gallant, Chairman
Gerard St. Cyr, Commissioner
Andrew Sleeper, Commissioner

Harold Harbour, Chief
Ronald Huckins, Deputy

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

District #8: Gerard St. Cyr, 86 Caveney Drive, Northfield, NH 03276

District #9: Carolyn Virtue, 972 North Route 106, Loudon, NH 03301
David Larrabee, 7257 Pleasant Street, Loudon, NH 03301
Priscilla Lockwood, 435 New Road, Canterbury, NH 03224
Roy Maxfield, 7126 School Street, Loudon, NH 03301

STATE SENATE

District #7: Rick Trombly, State House, Room 302, Concord NH 03301

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

District #2: Peter Spaulding, Governor's Executive Council
State House, Concord, NH 03301

U.S. CONGRESS

District #2: Charles Bass, 218 Cannon House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515, Tel: (202) 225-5206

U.S. SENATE

Judd Gregg, 393 Russell Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510, Tel: (202) 224-3324

Robert Smith, 332 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510, Tel: (202) 224-2841

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
MERRIMACK COUNTY
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, in the County of Merrimack, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE
NORTHFIELD TOWN HALL ON THE NINTH DAY OF MARCH
NEXT AT TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON TO ACT UPON
THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:**

- Article 1.** To choose all necessary Town officers and School District officers for the ensuing year.
- Article 2.** To vote on the adoption of the amendment to **ARTICLE 6.1 - Districts** which rezones the Town into six districts (Conservation, Business 1, Business 2, R-1 Single Family Residential, R-2 Multi Family Residential and Village); including **ARTICLE 7 - District Map**; **ARTICLE 7.1 Uses - Table #1**; and **ARTICLE 7.2 Lot Requirements - TABLE #2** of the existing Town of Northfield Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board.

(POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 A.M. TO 7 P.M.)

AND ON THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF MARCH NEXT AT TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON AT THE PINES COMMUNITY CENTER IN NORTHFIELD TO ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

- Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept a gift of real property from the Charles Bedigian estate for land and buildings situated on Map R08 Lot 25 on

Glines Park Road. This parcel will be annexed to the Northfield Town Beach. (Majority Vote required).

- Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the elected office of Highway Agent (Road Agent) effective March 2000 Town Meeting and authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Highway Agent (Public Works Director) for a term of three years? (Majority Vote required).
- Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to discount by two percent (2%) any amount in property taxes due when said taxes are paid within 30 days of the date of billing. (Majority Vote required.)
- Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the Winnisquam Area Vitalization Association (a non-profit organization) Seasonal Lighting Project. The same amount is being requested of the Town of Tilton. The Selectmen do not recommend the appropriation. The Budget Committee does not recommend the appropriation. (Majority Vote required). This article was submitted by Petition.
- Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to support the Tilton Island Concert Series for the 1999 Season. The same amount is being requested of the Town of Tilton. The Selectmen do not recommend the appropriation. The Budget Committee does recommend the appropriation. (Majority Vote required). This article was submitted by Petition.
- Article 8.** To see if the Town shall vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing a replacement Loader and to raise and appropriate

the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in this fund and further, to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Highway Loader Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote required).

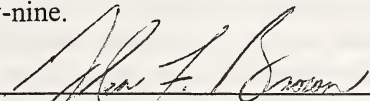
Article 9. To see if the Town shall vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing a replacement Dump Truck and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in this fund and further, to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Highway Dump Truck Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote required).


Article 10. To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for construction of a sidewalk loop in the Village Area. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the sidewalk is completed or by December 31, 2001, whichever is sooner. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote required).

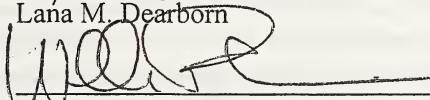
Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,159,075 which represents the operating budget of the posted budget (MS-7) and pass any vote in relation thereto.

Article 12. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 9th day of February in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred ninety-nine.

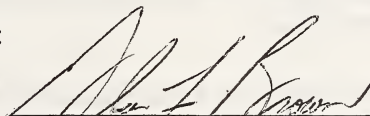

Glen F. Brown, Chairman

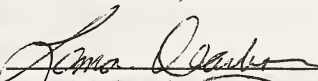

Lana M. Dearborn

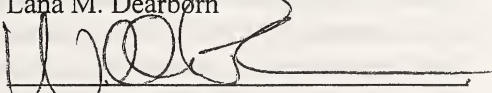

William Nickerson

SELECTMEN OF NORTHFIELD, NH.

A true copy of warrant attest:


Glen F. Brown, Chairman


Lana M. Dearborn


William Nickerson

SELECTMEN OF NORTHFIELD, NH.

Town of Northfield Planning Board
Proposed Amendments to the Northfield Zoning Ordinance
1999 Town Meeting.

At the 1998 Town Meeting, the Town voted to establish a Special Planning Board Study Committee to review the Town's Land Use Regulations and make recommendations to the Planning Board for the 1999 Town Meeting. The Special Study Committee met eight times over the summer and fall. The general consensus of the Committee was to strengthen land use regulations in order to:

- 1) Continue to preserve the rural character of Northfield,
- 2) Protect the environment and water quality, and
- 3) Expand specific zones for commercial development. The Planning Board held three public hearings and presents the following recommendations to be voted at the 1999 Town Meeting:

- 1) Increase the size of the Conservation District by including the areas around Sandogardy Pond and Knowles Pond. Reduce the size of the R-1 and R-2 zones.
- 2) Increase the size of the Commercial/Industrial District and divide it into two Business Zones with heavy industry restricted to the B2 zone.
- 3) Create a Village District to encompass the Downtown area. This area is currently divided into two districts (C/I and R/2). These uses have been combined into one district to make this area the "Downtown" or "Village" area of Northfield.
- 4) The District Map of the Town has been revised from 4 districts to 6 districts and new district descriptions have been rewritten.
- 5) The minimum lot size for residential development has increased from 1 acre to 2 acres. Building frontage requirements and set backs have also been increased.

Summary of Changes in the R-1 (single family residential district):

<u>Uses No longer Permitted</u>	<u>Permitted</u>	<u>Permitted by Special Exception</u>
Multi family of 4 units or less	Single Family	Municipal Building
Campground	Two Family	Outdoor Recreation Facility
Conference Center	Agriculture	Service Business
Country Club	Bed & Breakfast	
Indoor Recreational Facility	Church	
Manufactured Housing Park	Educational Facility	
Medical Care Facility	Home Occupation	
Office	Sale of Home Products	
Residential Home Care Facility		
Restaurant		
Retail Sales		

Frontage minimum requirement is increased from 150' to 250'

Front setback increased from 35' to 50'

Side/rear setback (pre existing lots of record) increases from 10' to 20'

Single family lot size increases from 1 acre lots to 2 acre minimum lot size.

Non residential uses increases from 1 acre lots to a 2 acre lots.

Manufactured housing parks are not permitted.

Summary of Changes in R-2 (multi family residential district):

<u>Uses No longer permitted</u>	<u>Permitted</u>	<u>Permitted by Special Exception</u>
Automotive Repair	Single Family	Country Club
Industrial/Manufacturing	Two Family	
Warehouse	Multi Family <4	
	Multi Family 5+	
	Agriculture	
	Bed & Breakfast	
	Campground	
	Church	
	Conference Center	
	County Club	
	Educational Facility	
	Home Occupation	
	Indoor Recreational Facility	
	Manufactured Housing Park	
	Medical Care Facility	
	Motel, Hotel, Inn	
	Municipal Building	
	Nursing Home	
	Office	
	Outdoor Recreational Facility	
	Residential Home Care Facility	
	Restaurant	
	Retail Sales	
	Sale of Home Products	
	Service Business	

No change in the 150' Frontage minimum requirement.

Front setback increased from 35' to 50'

Side/rear setback (pre existing lots of record) increases from 10' to 20'

Minimum lot size increases from 1 acre lots to 2 acre lots.

Multi family with sewer allowed at a density of not more than 2 units per acre instead of 4.

Summary of Changes in Conservation District:

<u>Uses No longer permitted Exception</u>	<u>Permitted</u>	<u>Permitted by Special</u>
Office	Single Family	Bed & Breakfast
Retail Sales	Two Family	Campground
	Agriculture	Church
	Home Occupation	Conference Center
	Sale of Home	Country Club
	Products	Educational Facility
		Indoor Recreational Facility
		Motel, Hotel, Inn
		Outdoor Recreational Facility
		Race Track, Ski Area, Sports Facility
		Residential Home Care Facility
		Restaurant
		Service Business

Frontage minimum requirement is increased from 250' to 300'

No change to 100' front setback or 50' side and rear setback.

Side/rear setback (pre existing lots of record) increases from 10' to 20'

No change to 5 acre minimum lot size.

Summary of Changes in the Village District: Note: Areas west of Park Street were zoned C/I. Areas of east of Park Street were zoned R2. Now this is one distinct district.

Uses that would now be permitted as a Village District instead of C/I:

Single Family (excluding manufactured housing)	Nursing Home
Two Family (excluding manufactured housing)	Residential
Home Care Facility	
Multi Family <4	Restaurant
Agriculture	
Church	
Conference Center	
Home Occupation	

Additional Permitted Uses

Bed & Breakfast
 Indoor Recreational Facility
 Medical Care Facility
 Motel, Hotel, Inn
 Municipal Building
 Nursing Home
 Office
 Outdoor Recreational Facility
 Research & Development
 Retail Sales
 Sale of Home Products
 Service Business

Uses Allowed by Special Exception

Automotive Repair
 Educational Facility
 Manufactured Housing Park
 Warehouse
 Wholesale

Uses that would not be permitted:

Multi family 5+
 Campground
 Country club
 Industrial and Manufacturing
 Light Manufacturing
 Race Track/Ski Area/Sports Facility

No changes in the minimum lot size or setbacks with the exception of multi-family which would require a 2 acre minimum lot size.

Summary of Changes in Business Districts B1 & B2:

No manufactured housing parks.

No multi-family 5+

Industrial/Manufacturing by exception in B1, allowed in B2

No change in the 150' Frontage minimum requirement.

Front setback increased from 35' to 50'

Development Setback to I-93 added in B1.

Side/rear setback increased from 20' to 35'

No change in side/rear setback pre-existing, non conforming lots of record.

Setback to bodies of water - in the B2 zone, reduced from 250' to 100'.

One acre minimum lot size for both sewered and non-sewered lot.

1999 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	1998	EXPENDED	1999	1999
	APPROVED BUDGET	AS OF 12/31/98	SELECTMEN'S BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE

Selectmen's Wages	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
Fica	560	558	560	560
Medicare	135	131	135	135
Professional Services	1,800	850	9,000	9,000
Advertising	1,800	385	800	800
Dues/Subs.	2,000	1,608	1,800	1,800
Misc. Expense	500	394	500	500
TOTAL SELECTMEN	15,795	12,926	21,795	21,795

TOWN ADMINISTRATION

Town Admin. Wages	42,025	41,500	42,435	42,435
Health Insurance	4,775	5,332	8,035	8,035
Life/Disability Ins...	765	764	780	780
Dental Insurance	265	341	290	290
Fica	2,605	2,813	2,635	2,635
Medicare	610	599	615	615
ICMA Retirement	2,100	2,035	2,125	2,125
Telephone	900	823	900	900
Dues/Subs.	130	61	115	115
Education/Seminars	690	749	460	460
Office Supplies	650	581	500	500
Postage	1,200	1,007	1,800	1,800
Equip. Maint/Repairs	1,900	1,450	1,900	1,900
New Equipment	0	0	0	0

1999 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	1998	EXPENDED	1999	1999
	APPROVED BUDGET	AS OF 12/31/98	SELECTMEN'S BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE
TOTAL TOWN ADMIN.	58,615	58,055	62,590	62,590
TOWN MEETING				
Moderator Wages	180	180	180	180
Town Report	2,850	3,690	3,600	3,600
TOTAL TOWN MEETING	3,030	3,870	3,780	3,780
TOWN CLERK				
Town Clerk Wages	15,165	15,163	15,810	15,810
Deputy Clerk Wages	4,345	5,022	4,555	4,555
Health Insurance	4,000	3,999	5,005	5,005
Life/Disability Ins...	385	374	340	340
Dental Insurance	200	196	215	215
Fica	1,210	1,200	1,265	1,265
Medicare	285	280	295	295
Group I Retirement	835	814	875	875
Telephone	180	509	180	180
Dues/Subs.	100	202	100	100
Education/Seminars	400	142	400	400
Office Supplies	500	352	500	500
Postage	400	404	400	400
Books/Periodicals	400	249	400	400
Book Restoration	1,700	1,873	1,700	1,700
New Equipment	375	0	375	375
Boat Registrations	4,000	3,871	4,000	4,000
Hunting/Fishing Lic.	800	1,095	0	0
OHRV Registrations	1,000	1,571	1,000	1,000
Vital Statistics	1,900	1,757	1,900	1,900

1999 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	1998 APPROVED BUDGET	EXPENDED AS OF 12/31/98	1999 SELECTMEN'S BUDGET	1999 BUDGET COMMITTEE
Dog Licenses	1,000	1,022	1,000	1,000
TOTAL TOWN CLERK	39,180	40,095	40,315	40,315
ELECTIONS/REGISTRATION				
Elections - Ballot Clerks	800	750	150	150
Supervisors of Checklist	900	780	300	300
Advertising	300	268	100	100
Printing Supplies	50	0	50	50
Misc. Expense	500	335	200	200
TOTAL ELECTIONS/REG.	2,550	2,133	800	800
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION				
Tax Collector/Exec. Asst.	42,385	43,013	43,450	43,450
Deputy Tax Collector	4,345	4,846	4,555	4,555
Health Insurance	10,445	10,444	13,045	13,045
Life/Disability Ins..	870	858	900	900
Dental Insurance	465	457	505	505
Fica	2,900	2,823	2,980	2,980
Medicare	680	660	700	700
Group I Retirement	2,000	1,991	2,060	2,060
Annual Audit	4,800	4,700	4,800	4,800
Telephone	1,080	1,029	1,000	1,000
Recordings	1,500	1,117	1,500	1,500
Tax Map Updates	1,000	2,587	1,500	1,500
Dues/Subs.	100	149	100	100
Education/Seminars	1,000	897	1,000	1,000
Office Supplies	2,000	1,871	1,500	1,500
Postage	2,500	2,484	2,500	2,500

1999 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	1998 APPROVED BUDGET	EXPENDED AS OF 12/31/98	1999 SELECTMEN'S BUDGET	1999 BUDGET COMMITTEE
Community Newsletter	0	0	3,000	3,000
Books/Periodicals	500	371	500	500
New Equipment	1,500	1,688	500	500
TOTAL FINANCIAL ADMIN.	80,070	81,985	86,095	86,095
TREASURER				
Treasurer Salary	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Fica	155	155	155	155
Medicare	35	36	35	35
TOTAL TREASURER	2,690	2,691	2,690	2,690
DATA PROCESSING				
Data Processing Support	5,605	5,572	6,000	6,000
Software Upgrade	4,245	2,113	500	500
Supplies	200	132	200	200
Hardware Upgrade	0	0	0	0
Y2K Compliance/Upgrade	0	0	3,300	3,300
TOTAL DATA PROCESSING	10,050	7,817	10,000	10,000
TOTAL FORESTRY CREDIT	400	2,008	400	400
TOTAL ASSESSING	12,000	13,256	12,000	12,000
TOTAL LEGAL	12,000	7,320	6,000	6,000
PLANNING & ZONING				
P/Z Professional Services	1,920	2,192	6,720	6,720
Legal Expense	500	0	500	500
Advertising	400	805	600	600
Recordings	200	441	400	400
Printing	200	0	200	200
Dues/Subs.	100	0	100	100

1999 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	1998 APPROVED BUDGET	EXPENDED AS OF 12/31/98	1999 SELECTMEN'S BUDGET	1999 BUDGET COMMITTEE
Education/Seminars	100	20	100	100
Office Supplies	100	160	100	100
Postage	200	591	600	600
TOTAL PLANNING/ZONING	3,720	4,209	9,320	9,320
GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS				
Custodial Services	2,160	1,621	2,160	2,160
Electricity	3,240	3,079	3,240	3,240
Heating	2,760	2,443	2,760	2,760
Water/Sewer	1,000	2,431	600	600
Repairs/Maintenance	11,175	11,991	4,000	4,000
TOTAL GOVT. BLDGS.	20,335	21,565	12,760	12,760
CEMETERIES				
Cemetery Wages	0	0	0	0
Fica	0	70	0	0
Medicare	0	16	0	0
Groundskeeping	4,000	2,211	4,000	4,000
Park Cemetery	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750
TOTAL CEMETERIES	5,750	4,047	5,750	5,750
INSURANCE				
Unemployment Insurance	2,400	2,845	3,070	3,070
Workers Comp. Insurance	33,450	36,852	33,300	33,300
Property/Liability Ins.	31,000	32,161	35,000	35,000
Insurance Reimbursements	9,290	10,289	13,645	13,645
TOTAL INSURANCE	76,140	82,147	85,015	85,015
TOTAL REG. PLNG. COMM.	3,275	3,275	3,260	3,260

1999 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	1998 APPROVED BUDGET	EXPENDED AS OF 12/31/98	1999 SELECTMEN'S BUDGET	1999 BUDGET COMMITTEE
TOTAL GENERAL GOVT.	345,600	347,399	362,570	362,570

PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Full Time Wages	254,600	253,359	268,275	268,275
Part Time Wages	15,000	13,263	20,000	20,000
Special Detail	2,500	2,299	2,500	2,500
Overtime	15,000	14,444	15,000	15,000
Holiday Pay	8,090	6,432	8,595	8,595
Health Insurance	45,840	42,653	54,890	54,890
Life/Disability Ins.	4,615	4,537	4,955	4,955
Dental Insurance	2,095	2,069	2,295	2,295
Fica	2,380	2,639	2,760	2,760
Medicare	4,280	3,993	4,560	4,560
Group I Retirement	1,005	1,060	1,050	1,050
Group II Retirement	9,790	9,369	10,290	10,290
Legal Expenses	2,500	3,000	3,000	3,000
Telephone	6,500	6,422	7,000	7,000
Custodial Services	3,100	3,310	3,100	3,100
Dispatch Services	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Dues/Subs.	1,500	1,678	1,500	1,500
Uniforms	3,500	3,229	5,300	5,300
Office Supplies	1,500	1,394	1,500	1,500
Postage	800	450	800	800
Vehicle Repairs/Maint.	6,000	5,244	5,300	5,300

1999 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	1998 APPROVED BUDGET	EXPENDED AS OF 12/31/98	1999 SELECTMEN'S BUDGET	1999 BUDGET COMMITTEE
Gasoline	6,500	4,677	6,000	6,000
Building Maintenance	1,000	813	1,500	1,500
Electricity/Heat	3,500	3,506	3,500	3,500
Water/Sewer	600	440	550	550
Departmental Supplies	2,500	2,275	2,500	2,500
Equip. Maint/Repairs	3,000	2,701	4,000	4,000
New Equipment	5,000	4,703	4,600	4,600
Training	4,000	4,120	4,000	4,000
LLEBG Grant Expenses.	0	5,610	0	0
TOTAL POLICE DEPT.	426,695	419,689	459,320	459,320
FIRE DEPARTMENT				
Health Ins. Reim.	15,280	15,279	18,795	18,795
Dispatch Services	7,900	8,310	8,590	8,590
Forest Fires	800	0	400	400
TOTAL FIRE DEPT.	23,980	23,589	27,785	27,785
CODE ENFORCEMENT				
CEO Wages	9,000	9,155	9,250	9,250
Fica	560	567	575	575
Medicare	130	133	135	135
Dues/Subs.	50	40	50	50
Education/Seminars	50	130	150	150
Printing	50	0	0	0
Office Supplies	100	110	100	100
Postage	25	34	50	50
Mileage Reimbursement	500	875	800	800
TOTAL CODE ENFORCEMENT	10,465	11,044	11,110	11,110

1999 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	1998	EXPENDED	1999	1999
	APPROVED BUDGET	AS OF 12/31/98	SELECTMEN'S BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE

TOTAL EMERGENCY MGT.	100	90	1,500	1,500
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TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	461,240	454,412	499,715	499,715
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HIGHWAYS/STREETS/SANITATION

HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Full time Wages	201,120	200,115	208,800	208,800
Part time Wages	13,575	16,671	14,150	14,150
Overtime	23,300	19,241	25,765	25,765
Health Insurance	40,820	38,674	48,285	48,285
Life/Disability Ins.	4,200	4,174	4,415	4,415
Medical Expense	675	468	675	675
Dental Insurance	2,485	2,222	2,725	2,725
Fica	14,760	14,209	15,420	15,420
Medicare	3,455	3,324	3,610	3,610
Group I Retirement	10,885	27,050	11,385	11,385
Telephone	660	899	1,040	1,040
Electricity	2,500	2,494	2,800	2,800
Heating	750	1,194	750	750
Water	300	270	500	500
Vehicle Maint/Repairs	17,000	15,428	18,000	18,000
Advertising	350	174	350	350
Dues/Subs.	60	45	60	60
Education/Seminars	400	389	400	400
General Supplies	6,000	6,131	6,500	6,500
Safety Shoes	675	225	675	675

1999 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	1998 APPROVED BUDGET	EXPENDED AS OF 12/31/98	1999 SELECTMEN'S BUDGET	1999 BUDGET COMMITTEE
Radio Maintenance	500	430	500	500
Office Supplies	250	182	950	950
Welding Supplies	1,600	1,823	850	850
Bldg. Maint./Repairs	1,800	1,448	1,500	1,500
TOTAL HIGHWAY ADMIN.	348,120	357,280	370,105	370,105
ROAD MAINTENANCE				
Vehicle Fuel	4,000	2,611	5,100	5,100
Diesel Fuel	6,300	6,474	4,700	4,700
Tires	2,500	1,729	2,500	2,500
Oil/filters	1,500	1,301	1,500	1,500
Salt	27,000	26,779	30,000	30,000
Winter Sand	2,000	1,414	2,500	2,500
Misc. Materials	1,000	399	1,200	1,200
Sand	1,000	1,176	1,500	1,500
Bank Run Gravel	1,200	1,377	1,500	1,500
Gravel Mud Season	4,000	6,332	4,500	4,500
Gravel Road Construc.	8,000	7,999	6,000	6,000
Cold Patch	1,000	1,111	1,500	1,500
Pavement Sealing	9,000	11,237	10,000	10,000
Pavement Shimming	16,000	12,945	17,000	17,000
Pavement Recycling	72,000	64,527	75,000	75,000
New Pavement	18,000	18,248	18,000	18,000
Dust Control	3,000	3,058	4,000	4,000
Drainage/Culverts/Pipes	2,000	1,820	2,200	2,200
Pavement Overlay	0	0	55,000	55,000
Guardrails/Signs/Posts	2,000	1,840	3,000	3,000

1999 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	1998 APPROVED BUDGET	EXPENDED AS OF 12/31/98	1999 SELECTMEN'S BUDGET	1999 BUDGET COMMITTEE
Sidewalk Construction	3,000	0	3,000	3,000
TOTAL ROAD CONSTR.	184,500	172,377	249,700	249,700
TOTAL BRIDGE MAINT.	2,000	800	2,000	2,000
TOTAL STREET LIGHTS	10,300	8,660	11,500	11,500
TOTAL CONTRACTED SERV	7,000	8,426	5,500	5,500
TOTAL HWYS & STREETS	551,920	547,543	638,805	638,805

SANITATION ADMINISTRATION

Wages	20,225	20,579	21,180	21,180
Fica	1,255	1,237	1,315	1,315
Medicare	295	290	310	310
Telephone	360	387	360	360
Electricity	1,200	1,072	1,200	1,200
Heating	100	0	300	300
Advertising/Notices	200	0	100	100
Education/Seminars	700	723	700	700
TOTAL SANITATION ADMIN.	24,335	24,288	25,465	25,465

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

Groundwater Monitoring	2,000	1,890	2,000	2,000
Landfill costs	10,065	9,016	9,600	9,600
Maint. & Repairs	3,000	2,990	3,000	3,000
Collection Contract	49,850	45,658	56,830	56,830
Hazardous Waste	2,500	2,133	2,500	2,500
TOTAL COLLECTION	67,415	61,687	73,930	73,930

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

1999 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	1998 APPROVED BUDGET	EXPENDED AS OF 12/31/98	1999 SELECTMEN'S BUDGET	1999 BUDGET COMMITTEE
Transportation	11,440	9,667	11,000	11,000
Recycling Improvements	3,000	2,698	3,000	3,000
Incinerator Contract	83,600	83,477	85,500	85,500
Trucking Contingency	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Metal Disposal	1,000	515	1,000	1,000
Tire Disposal	500	0	500	500
TOTAL DISPOSAL	100,540	96,357	102,000	102,000
SEWER COLLECTION & DISPOSAL				
Wages	800	0	0	0
Fica	50	0	0	0
Medicare	15	0	0	0
Repairs/Maint.	500	48	700	700
WRBP Capital Expense	1,930	1,930	1,930	1,930
WRBP Administrative Exp.	7,855	7,343	7,855	7,855
TOTAL SEWER	11,150	9,321	10,485	10,485
TOTAL SANITATION	203,440	191,653	211,880	211,880
TOTAL HWY & SAN.	755,360	739,196	850,685	850,685
HEALTH OFFICER	100	81	100	100
ANIMAL CONTROL				
Wages	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Fica	220	217	220	220
Medicare	55	51	55	55
Contracted Services	1,725	1,725	1,725	1,725

1999 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	1998 APPROVED BUDGET	EXPENDED AS OF 12/31/98	1999 SELECTMEN'S BUDGET	1999 BUDGET COMMITTEE
Miscellaneous	100	125	125	125
TOTAL ANIMAL CONTROL	5,600	5,618	5,625	5,625
AREA AGENCY APPROPRIATIONS				
Visiting Nurse Association	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500
Lakes Region Family Service	2,500	2,500	2,800	2,800
Lakes Region Comm. Serv.	300	300	300	300
Youth Assistance Program	33,730	19,729	36,360	36,360
Community Action Program	7,335	7,335	7,555	7,555
TOTAL AREA AGENCIES	55,365	41,364	58,515	58,515
WELFARE				
Administrator Salary	10,500	10,280	10,715	10,715
Fica	650	637	665	665
Medicare	155	149	155	155
Education/Seminars	350	216	350	350
Office Supplies	2,500	1,522	250	250
Postage	50	22	50	50
Vendor Payments	65,000	33,795	60,000	60,000
TOTAL WELFARE	79,205	46,621	72,185	72,185
TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	140,270	93,684	136,425	136,425

CULTURE & RECREATION

Arch Park Maintenance	1,200	2,006	4,000	4,000
Beach Telephone	450	486	450	450
Town Beach Maintenance	440	3,293	2,500	2,500
Pines Maintenance	960	965	1,200	1,200

1999 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	1998 APPROVED BUDGET	EXPENDED AS OF 12/31/98	1999 SELECTMEN'S BUDGET	1999 BUDGET COMMITTEE
Electricity	900	1,403	900	900
Island Maintenance	2,100	2,000	100	100
TOTAL PARKS	6,050	10,153	9,150	9,150
Hall Memorial Library	37,000	37,000	50,575	50,575
Patriotic Purposes	350	350	350	350
Old Home Day	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
T/N Recreation Council	45,945	45,945	45,945	45,945
TOTAL CULTURE & REC.	91,845	95,948	108,520	108,520

TOTAL CONSERVATION	50	0	3000	3000
TOTAL ECON. DEVELOP.	0	0	100	100

DEBT SERVICE

Principal	10,000	12,361	10,000	10,000
Interest	3,650	3,644	3,560	3,560
Tan Interest	30,000	35,771	30,000	30,000
Lease/Purchase Agreement	0	0	22,000	22,000

TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	43,650	51,776	65,560	65,560
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CAPITAL OUTLAY

Purchase Carr Pit	7,500	7,500	0	0
Police Cruiser	25,560	24,660	25,000	25,000
Telephone System Upgrade	0	11,946	8,000	8,000

1999 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	1998 APPROVED BUDGET	EXPENDED AS OF 12/31/98	1999 SELECTMEN'S BUDGET	1999 BUDGET COMMITTEE
Used Sweeper	0	0	5,000	5,000
Highway Garage Addition	25,000	24,479	0	0
10 Wheel Truck	22,010	22,000	0	0
Snow Plow	4,000	6,579	0	0
Mower Head	5,000	5,150	0	0
Tank Protection	10,000	0	0	0
Fellows Hill Rd. Repairs	7,000	2,000	7,000	7,000
Hodgdon Road Drainage	0	0	15,000	15,000
Dearborn Road Sidewalk	0	0	10,000	0
Bay Hill Reconstruction	27,000	0	0	0
Twin Bridge Replacement	187,000	199,242	0	0
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	320,070	303,556	70,000	60,000

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Shaker Road Fund	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Highway Dump Truck	0	0	25,000	25,000
Highway Loader	0	0	25,000	25,000
Revaluation Fund	5,000	5,000	2,500	2,500
Library Fund	25,500	25,500	0	0
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVES	50,500	50,500	72,500	72,500

TOTAL APPROPRIATION	2,208,585	2,136,471	2,169,075	2,159,075
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1999 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

ESTIMATED REVENUES	1998 ESTIMATE	RECEIVED AS OF 12/31	1999 SELECTMEN BUDGET	1999 BUDGET COMMITTEE
Current Use Penalty	2,700	17,327	2,500	2,500
Timber Yield Tax	5,000	36,377	5,000	5,000
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	16,000	2,000	14,000	14,000
Interest on Property Taxes	83,000	86,155	83,000	83,000
Total Taxes & Interest	106,700	141,859	104,500	104,500
Licenses/Permits/Fees	2,100	2,760	19,300	19,300
Cable Franchise Fee	12,900	13,984		
UCC Filings	2,110	1,980		
Motor Vehicle Registrations	385,600	409,896	420,000	420,000
Motor Vehicle Titles	1,800	1,609		
Municipal Agent Fees	11,750	11,846		
Boat Registrations	5,700	5,593		
OHRV Registrations	2,300	2,038		
Building Permits	3,100	5,988	6,000	6,000
Dog Licenses	3,200	3,158		
Vital Statistics	2,300	2,183		
Hunting/Fishing Licenses	700	1,043		
Other Licenses & Permits	50	135	16,245	16,245
Total Licenses/Permits/Fees	433,610	462,211	461,545	461,545
COPS Fast Reimbursement	28,000	28,116	28,000	28,000
LLEBG Grant Reimbursement		10,163		
NH Share Revenue Block Grant	83,400	209,597	101,480	101,480

1999 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

ESTIMATED REVENUES	1998 ESTIMATE	RECEIVED AS OF 12/31	1999 SELECTMEN BUDGET	1999 BUDGET COMMITTEE
Highway Block Grant	82,180	82,183	82,180	82,180
Forest Land Reimbursement	10	14	10	10
Municipal Bridge Program	187,000	92,393		
Disaster Relief	0	28,160		
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL	380,590	450,625	211,670	211,670
Miscellaneous Sales	3,100	656	20,000	20,000
Police Dept. Special Detail	2,500	5,908		
Welfare Reimbursements	1,350	12,929		
Sewer Commission Reimbursements	0	1,185		
Planning Board Fees	3,000	6,331		
Solid Waste Fees	3,100	3,783		
Sale of Recyclables	3,500	2,515		
Sale of Metal	2,800	0		
Better Assessment Current Year	13,650	5,491	13,650	13,650
Better Assessment Prior Year	0	8,850		
Sale of Town Property	20,000	54,000		
Interest - Checking Account	26,000	55,872	58,350	58,350
Interest - NHPDIP Account	2,500	2,481		
Rental of Town Property	1,000	5,880		
Fines & Forfeits	2,000	1,946		
Insurance Reimbursements	29,000	33,374		
Property Liability Insurance Reimbursem	0	957		
Other Reimbursements	24,570	25,629	60,000	60,000
Gasoline Reimbursements	5,400	2,693		

1999 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

	1998	RECEIVED	1999	1999
ESTIMATED	ESTIMATE	AS OF	SELECTMEN	BUDGET
REVENUES		12/31	BUDGET	COMMITTEE
Donations	100	0		
Transfers from Trust Funds	0	146		
Fund Balance to reduce taxes			100,000	100,000
Total Other Revenue	143,570	230,624	252,000	252,000
Total Revenue	1,064,470	1,285,320	1,029,715	1,029,715

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

First of all we would like to thank the citizens of Northfield, the Department Heads, Town Employees, Member of the various Town Boards and Committees for making 1998 such a successful year.

We were able to reduce the 1998 Town tax rate by \$1.00 and still provide the same level of municipal services to our residents. This is primarily due to the fact that revenues exceeded our original estimates. This surplus over appropriations is returned to the taxpayers in the form of a tax reduction. During 1998, the Town entered into a four lease purchase agreement for a 10 wheeled dump truck. We also completed the rehabilitation of Twin Bridge through the State's municipal bridge aid program, renovated the Town Hall and constructed a much needed addition to the Highway Garage. The budget being presented at the 1999 Town Meeting shows a reduction of 2% in expenditures. Funds that were normally budgeted for bridge projects have now been allocated to road improvements in 1999. The Town has made an application for up to \$350,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds for improvements to Forrest Road to ease traffic as a result of a new manufacturing plant.

In December, the Surette Battery building burned and fortunately no one was injured. We extend our sincere gratitude to the Tilton/Northfield Fire Department, all of the mutual aid towns, the Northfield Police Department, the Northfield Highway Department, NH Department of Environmental Services and the Federal Environmental Protection agency for their rapid response to ensure the health and safety of the public. The Selectmen have filed an order with the Franklin District Court for the owner to remove the structure as soon as possible.

In response to water user's complaints about the dramatic increase in water rates, the Northfield and Tilton Selectmen established a Water Company Purchase Study Committee to see if it is feasible for the two towns to form a water district and purchase the Tilton-Northfield Aqueduct Company. Members of the Committee are Selectmen Glen Brown, Richard Mayer and

Charles Chandler representing Northfield and Bill Jocelyn, Foster Peverly and Alice MacKinnon representing Tilton. The Committee is currently looking into state and federal funding sources to determine the financial benefits to municipal ownership.

During 1999 we plan to expand our recycling efforts, continue on-going road improvement projects and update the Town's Capital Improvements Program.

The Selectmen meet every Tuesday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. The first part of the agenda is set aside for public input. We encourage you to stop in and let us know your thoughts and concerns. We look forward to serving you for another year.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen Brown, Chairman
Lana Dearborn
William Nickerson

The Northfield Board of Selectmen

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES - MARCH 10, 1998

The annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Charles Chandler at 10:00 A.M. at the Northfield Town Hall for consideration of Articles 1 and 2:

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town officers and School District officers for the ensuing year.

For Selectman:

William Nickerson	250
Tom Jordan	2
Carl Fletcher	1
Fae Nutter	1
Donald Stevens	1

For Moderator:

Charles Chandler	283
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For Treasurer:

Roland Seymour	273
Charles Plummer	1

For Trustee of Trust Funds:

Scott Caveney	3
Dick Smart	2
Scott Hilliard	1
Tom Fulweiler	1
Elaine Murphy	1
Judy Huckins	1
Charles Chandler	1
Eliza Conde	1
Kathleen Love	1
Gerard St. Cyr	1

For Supervisor of Check List:

Elaine Lamanuzzi	271
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For Library Trustee:

Eliza Conde	283
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For Cemetery Trustee:

Albert Cross	11
Thomas Jordan	6
Harold Corliss	1
Bud Murphy	1
Steve Mazur	2
Richard Lees	1
Roland Seymour	1
Eliza Conde	2
Bill Rand	1
Charles Lajeskie	1
Dick Smart	1

SCHOOL BALLOT

For Moderator:

Kenneth Randall	253
Charles Chandler	6
Rob Steady	1
Gene Cote	1

For Tilton School Board Member:

Robert Lozeau	76
Larry Prince	222
Carl Fletcher	1

For Northfield School Board Member:

Robert Mazur	262
Carl Fletcher	13
Don Stevens	1

Larry Prince	1
Chris Irish	1
Glen Jordan	1
Bob Smith	1

For Sanbornton School Board Member:

Mary Ahlgren	225
Hans Onsager	65

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amendments to the Northfield Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board and by special ballot prepared for same.

A.	220 yes	39 no
B.	207 yes	39 no
C.	223 yes	29 no
D.	201 yes	50 no

Polls closed at 7:00 P.M.

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Moderator Charles Chandler at the Community Pines Center March 14, 1998:

A motion was made by Brian Huckins to act on Article 10 first. Motion passed and Article 10 was acted upon first.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to reclassify the Class VI portion of Scribner Road to a Class V road, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 to bring this road up to town construction standards for medical and fire protection.

Article failed.

- Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to issue a corrective deed to property owned by James F. Willey (Map U9, Lot 7) located at 51 Summer Street.

Article passed.

- Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Committee to review the Town of Northfield Master Plan, Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations, Site Plan Review Regulations and impact fees and have recommendations prepared for a public hearing, not later than December 1, 1998. Said Committee to be comprised of at least 5 members but not more than 7, to be appointed by the Chairman of the Planning Board. The members shall include at least one member of the Planning Board and one member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and three residents of the Town.

Article passed.

- Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to discount by two percent (2%) any amount in property taxes due when said taxes are paid within 30 days of the date of billing.

Article passed.

- Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase 7.0 acres of State owned land, known as the "Carr Pitt" located on Sargent Street in the Town of Northfield and raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00.

Article passed.

- Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum

of \$25,560.00 for the purchase of a replacement police cruiser.

Article passed.

- Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,010.00 to lease purchase a 10 wheeled truck with dump body and ten yard sander to replace a 1984 F8000 six wheel dump truck.

Article passed.

- Article 9.** If Article #8 is voted in the affirmative, to see if the Town will vote to purchase the truck in one year instead of a lease purchase over four years and to raise and appropriate the additional sum of \$59,085.00 which is the difference between the sale price and the amount raised in Article # 8.

Article tabled.

- Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,920 for the Youth Assistance Program of Northfield, Sanbornton and Tilton.

Article passed.

- Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 for the purpose of constructing an addition to and improvements to the Hall Memorial Library. The funds appropriated shall be held by the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the Town of Northfield in the Hall Memorial Library Capital Reserve Fund established by the Town in 1992; further, that the Hall Memorial Library Trustees be appointed as agents to expend the funds in the Hall Memorial Library Capital Reserve Fund.

Article passed.

- Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,183,655.00 which represents the operating budget of the posted budget (MS-7) and pass any vote in relation thereto.

Motion made by Lana Dearborn, seconded by Scott Hilliard to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,408,585.00 which represents the operating budget of the posted budget plus the amounts voted in the previous articles.

Article passed.

- Article 14.** To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Selectman Brown read a proclamation for Thomas Jordan who retired from the Board of Selectmen after 9 years of service. A plaque was presented along with the presentation. A round of applause was given in appreciation of all volunteers on the various boards for the Town.

Amnesty Day will be held on May 9, 1998. Residents were encouraged to recycle.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza H. Conde, Town Clerk

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen
Town of Northfield
Northfield, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Northfield as of and for the year ended December 31, 1997. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Northfield has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraphs, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Northfield, as of December 31, 1997, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then

ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Northfield. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

February 4, 1998

Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNTS
JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1998**

OPERATING

Balance January 1, 1998	\$ 855,782.36
Interest Earned	57,156.62
Deposits	<u>\$ 5,294,278.53</u>
Total Funds Available	6,207,217.51
Disbursements	<u>\$(5,239,496.71)</u>
Balance December 31, 1998	\$ 967,720.80

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT - NHPDIP

Balance January 1, 1998	\$ 42,642.91
Interest Earned	2,497.62
Deposits	<u>10,163.00</u>
Total Funds Available	55,303.53
Disbursements	<u>\$ (5,610.00)</u>
Balance December 31, 1998	\$ 49,693.53

Respectfully submitted,

Roland C. Seymour, Treasurer

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
TREASURER'S REPORT
JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1998**

Balance January 1, 1998 \$ 898,425.27

REVENUE

Interest	\$ 59,654.24
Other Deposits	209,266.99
Permits & Fees	82,099.53
State of NH	352,982.84
Taxes	4,220,282.73
Town Clerk	439,809.44

TOTAL REVENUE 5,364,095.77

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE 6,262,521.04

EXPENDITURES

Interest	\$ 35,770.84
General & Payroll Expenses	2,616,150.00
WRSD	2,593,185.87

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 5,245,106.71

Balance December 31, 1998 \$ 1,017,414.33

Respectfully submitted,

Roland C. Seymour, Treasurer

1998 SUMMARY OF INVENTORY OF VALUATION

VALUE OF LAND:	ACRES	
Current Use	11,549	\$ 1,069,663
Residential	5,375	\$ 24,838,469
Commercial	<u>276</u>	<u>\$ 1,620,100</u>
Total Taxable Land	17,199.60	\$ 27,528,232
Tax Exempt/Non Taxable (\$955,900)		
VALUE OF BUILDINGS:		
Residential		\$ 83,505,800
Manufactured Housing		\$ 5,417,100
Commercial		<u>\$ 7,380,400</u>
Total Taxable Buildings		\$ 96,303,300
Tax Exempt/Non Taxable (\$5,706,900)		
PUBLIC UTILITIES:		\$ 5,125,200
TOTAL VALUATION:		\$128,956,732
LESS EXEMPTIONS:		<u>\$ 1,538,228</u>
NET VALUATION FOR TAX RATE:		\$127,418,504

1998 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

UTILITY SUMMARY:

Energy North	\$ 850,000
T/N Aqueduct	\$ 1,707,200
NH Electric Coop	\$ 1,368,000
Public Service of NH	\$ 1,200,200
	<u>\$ 3,418,000</u>

ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS:

#	Exemption Amount	
20	\$25,000	\$ 500,000
13	\$30,000	\$ 390,000
10	\$45,000	\$ 450,000
		<u>\$ 1,340,000</u>

HANDICAPPED EXEMPTIONS:

5	\$ 5,000	\$ 25,000
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TAX CREDITS

#	AMOUNT	
0	Exempt	\$ - 0 -
3	\$700	\$ 2,100
233	\$ 50	\$ 11,700
		<u>\$ 13,800</u>

PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES:

State Forest	\$ 10.00
Clement Dam	\$ 2,000.00
Spaulding Youth Center	\$ 14,000.00

CURRENT USE	ACRES
Farm Land	1,005.48
Forest Land	9,964.41
Unproductive	57.00
Wetland	521.67
	<u>11,548.56</u>

SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

MAP/LOT	LOCATION	ACRES	LAND BLDG	TOTAL
R09/5	Sandogardy Rd	69.0	95,600	95,600
R09/9	Sandogardy Rd	1.0	16,000/ 68,800	84,800
R09/72B	Sandogardy Rd	2.0	13,700	13,700
R10/36	Reservoir Rd	12.61	24,000	24,000
R14/3A	Belmont Meadow	2.0	15,200	15,200
R12/17L	Bean Hill Road	1.2	3,300	3,300
R17/1	Off Bean Hill	10.0	7,800	7,800
R17/46	Off Bean Hill	.82	13,400	13,400
R22/1-1	Payson Road	.25	200	200
U07/80	Arch Hill	18.0	25,800	25,800
U07/99	The Island	1.37	7,000	7,000
U08/26A	Holmes Ave	.28	2,300	2,300
U08/112/113	Summer St	1.73	29,100/204,300	233,400
U08/137A	Summer St	.50	28,000/ 700	28,700
U09/1	Park St		69,700	69,700
U09/1/1E	Park St	14.0	70,000/123,200	193,200
U09/6/1	Park St	4.64	31,700/55,900	87,600
U09/6/2	Summer St	2.44	12,900	12,900
U09/6/3	Dearborn Rd	.60	7,100	7,100

1998 TAX RATE COMPUTATION

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

APPROPRIATIONS	\$2,208,585	
LESS: REVENUES	1,217,090	
LESS: SHARED REVENUES	23,568	
ADD: OVERLAY	100,165	
ADD: WAR SERVICE CREDITS	13,800	

NET TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$1,081,892	
MUNICIPAL TAX RATE		\$8.49

SCHOOL PORTION

DUE TO SCHOOL	\$2,593,296	
LESS: SHARED REVENUES	79,135	

NET SCHOOL APPROPRIATION	\$2,514,161	
SCHOOL TAX RATE		\$19.73

COUNTY PORTION

DUE TO COUNTY	\$279,052	
LESS: SHARED REVENUES	5,405	

NET COUNTY APPROPRIATION	\$273,647	
COUNTY TAX RATE		\$2.15

COMBINED TAX RATE

TOTAL PROPERTY TAX ASSESSED	\$3,869,700	
LESS: WAR SERVICE CREDITS	(13,800)	
ADD: FIRE DISTRICT COMMITMENT	161,822	\$1.27

TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	\$4,017,722	\$31.64
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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998

DEBITS	1998 Levy	1997 Levy
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Uncollected Taxes		
Beginning of year:		
Property		\$533,324.59
Betterment		6,327.52
Yield		9,972.33
Sewer		5,721.34
Taxes committed		
during the year:		
Property	\$4,039,051.39	
Betterment	13,643.64	
Land Use	17,405.00	
Yield	33,802.16	
Sewer	78,162.78	
Over Payment:		
Property	21,316.84	
Utilities	1,113.00	
Interest Collected		
for delinquent tax:	4,439.98	39,118.04
TOTAL DEBITS:	\$4,208,934.79	\$594,463.82

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998

CREDITS	1998 Levy	1997 Levy
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Property	\$3,551,156.52	\$268,646.50
Betterment	6,249.02	4,363.37
Land Use	17,290.00	
Yield	27,516.96	4,299.22
Sewer	74,014.35	2,878.78
Interest	4,439.98	12,047.31
Conversion To Tax Lien		293,828.70
Discounts allowed	58,394.18	
Abatements made:		
Property	18,988.90	8,399.94
Utilities	116.96	
Deeded	104.41	
Uncollected Taxes at end of year:		
Property	431,724.22	
Betterment	7,394.62	
Land Use	115.00	
Yield	6,285.20	
Sewer	5,144.47	
TOTAL CREDITS:	\$4,208,934.79	\$594,463.82

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998

DEBITS	1997 Levy	1996 Levy	Up to 1995 Levies
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Unredeemed Liens Balance at beginning of year:		\$209,155.25	\$181,669.39
Liens executed during year		\$293,828.70	
Interest	4,926.14	16,134.07	20,737.56
TOTAL DEBITS:	\$298,754.84	\$225,289.32	\$202,406.95

CREDITS

Redemptions	\$131,076.13	\$94,327.06	\$57,042.22
Interest	4,926.14	16,134.07	20,737.56
Abatements made	2,362.07		
Liens Deeded to Town	152.20	214.13	115.08
Unredeemed Liens at end of year:	160,238.30	114,614.06	124,512.09
TOTAL CREDITS:	\$298,754.84	\$225,289.32	\$202,406.95

Respectfully Submitted:

Eliza H. Conde, Tax Collector
Judy Huckins, Deputy Tax Collector

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998**

Auto Registrations	\$409,972.00
Auto Titles	1,670.00
Auto Municipal Agent Fees	11,677.50
Boat Registrations	5,944.70
Dog Licenses	3,166.50
Filing Fees, Checklists, etc.	134.50
Hunting & Fishing Licenses	1,043.25
OHRV Registrations	2,038.00
UCC Filings	1,980.00
Vital Statistics	2,183.00
 Total Receipts	 \$439,809.45

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1998 was even a better year for tax collection with 89% of the current year taxes being paid by the end of the year. Nearly 40% of the outstanding tax liens is attributed to the Surette Battery building which the Selectmen have chosen not to take for unpaid taxes because of hazardous waste considerations. You will note that there are refunds and abatements in the 1998 tax year. The refunds were because of banks paying taxes after individuals had already paid. The abatements were a glitch in our system, not actual abatements.

Judy Huckins completed her second of four years of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector Certification program in Durham. Our office was greatly improved this year with additional counter space, a computer work station and lockable storage for the municipal agent supplies such as plates and stickers. While we were in the process of ordering a new Town Clerk package and computer we learned that the State would have available all new systems and programs for Town Clerks who wanted to be on line with the state for vehicle registration purposes. We have chosen to go with the state program, but it has not arrived as yet. Hopefully we will be on line by April this year and be able to better serve the residents of Northfield.

We have discontinued selling Hunting and Fishing licenses as of January 1, 1999 as there was not enough interest. We do however sell OHRV (Off Highway Recreation Vehicles) and Boat registrations. Remember to register your dogs by May 1, 1999.

As you know the new issue of license plates started January 1, 1999. If your old plate was 6 or less numbers, you may keep the same number at no extra charge. If you want to keep your "3 letter/3number" plate, it will be considered a vanity plate with the \$25.00 annual charge.

**TRUST FUNDS REPORT OF THE TILTON/NORTHFIELD FIRE DISTRICT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998**

FUND NAME	BALANCE AS OF 1/1/98	CONTRIBUTIONS	EARNED INCOME	WITHDRAWALS	BALANCE AS OF 12/31/98	AVERAGE ANNUALIZED YIELD
Truck Fund	\$124,693.69	\$21,000.00	\$6,634.32	\$0.00	\$152,328.01	5.12%
Land & Building Fund	12,090.60	0.00	634.11	0.00	\$12,724.71	5.12%
Rescue Fund	40,320.45	0.00	2115.13	0.00	\$42,435.58	5.12%
Total	\$177,104.74	\$21,000.00	\$9,383.56	\$0.00	\$207,488.30	5.12%

TRUST FUNDS REPORT OF THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, NH
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998

FUND NAME	BALANCE AS OF 1/1/98	CONTRIBUTIONS	EARNED INCOME	WITHDRAWALS	BALANCE AS OF 12/31/98	AVERAGE ANNUALIZED YIELD
Cemetery	\$4,993.61	\$100.00	\$250.94	\$230.80	\$5,113.75	5.12%
Revaluation	38,400.65	5,000.00	2007.88	0.00	\$45,408.53	5.12%
Arch Restoration	3,524.74	0.00	184.9	0.00	\$3,709.64	5.12%
Library Fund	53,341.58	25,500.00	2732.43	0.00	\$81,574.01	5.12%
Solid Waste	667.75	0.00	35.55	0.00	\$703.30	5.12%
T/N High-school Class of 1942	2,031.54	0.00	106.56	0.00	\$2,138.10	5.12%
Shaker Road	20,000.00	20,000.00	1023.15	0.00	\$41,023.15	5.12%
Hall Memorial Library Fund	0.00	10,000.00	88.56	0.00	\$10,088.56	5.12%
Total	\$122,959.87	\$60,600.00	\$6,429.97	\$230.80	\$189,759.04	5.12%

TRUST FUNDS REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF NORTFIELD, NH
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998

FUND NAME	BALANCE AS OF 1/1/98	CONTRIBUTIONS	EARNED INCOME	WITHDRAWALS	BALANCE AS OF 12/31/98	PURPOSE OF FUND
School Fund	\$884.94	\$0.00	\$44.47	\$40.88	\$888.53	School
Fannie Cofran	105.35	\$0.00	5.29	4.87	105.77	Hodgdon Cem.
C. J. Chamberlain	52.68	\$0.00	2.65	2.43	52.90	Oak Hill Cem.
Mary A. Neal	105.35	\$0.00	5.29	4.87	105.77	Oak Hill Cem.
Darius Dearborn	105.35	\$0.00	5.29	4.87	105.77	Hodgdon Cem.
Jas & Abigail Glines	105.35	\$0.00	5.29	4.87	105.77	Williams Cem.
Gwen Gorrell	105.35	\$0.00	5.29	4.87	105.77	Lot-Gorrell Farm
Ellen Chadwick	52.68	\$0.00	2.65	2.43	52.90	Williams Cem.
Sevira Street	105.35	\$0.00	5.29	4.87	105.77	Williams Cem.
Reuben Hutchins	52.68	\$0.00	2.65	2.43	52.90	Hodgdon Cem.
A. B. Winslow	210.70	\$0.00	10.59	9.73	211.56	Williams Cem.
Chas. W. Bryant	210.70	\$0.00	10.59	9.73	211.56	Lot-Park Cem.
Leroy A. Glines	52.68	\$0.00	2.65	2.43	52.90	Williams Cem.

**TRUST FUNDS REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF NORTHELD, NH
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998**

FUND NAME	BALANCE AS OF 1/1/98	CONTRIBUTIONS	EARNED INCOME	WITHDRAWALS	BALANCE AS OF 12/31/98	PURPOSE OF FUND
Arthur Thomas	526.75	\$0.00	26.47	24.34	528.88	Lot-Park Cem.
Mable Hill	210.70	\$0.00	10.59	9.73	211.56	Arch Hill Cem.
Leon Burns	210.70	\$0.00	10.59	9.73	211.56	Lot-Park Cem.
Nathaniel Foss	105.35	\$0.00	5.29	4.87	105.77	Hodgdon Cem.
Raphel Quinby	316.05	\$0.00	15.88	14.60	317.33	Arch Hill Cem.
Edwin V. Leavitt	105.35	\$0.00	5.29	4.87	105.77	Arch Hill Cem.
John S. Woodard	790.13	\$0.00	39.70	36.50	793.33	Arch Hill Cem.
Sophie Copp	263.38	\$0.00	13.23	12.17	264.44	Arch Hill Cem.
Victor Stanton	316.04	\$0.00	15.88	14.60	317.32	Arch Hill Cem.
Total	\$4,993.61	\$0.00	\$250.91	\$230.69	\$5,013.83	

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

During 1998, the Animal Control Officer handled hundreds of calls and complaints. All stray dogs picked up by the Animal Control Officer were placed in homes. None were put down. All but six cats picked up as strays or abandoned were placed in homes.

Over 500 dogs were licensed in 1998. State and Town law indicates that all dogs are to be on a leash, in a kennel or under the control of the owner at all times. All dogs 3 months old or older must be vaccinated for Rabies and licensed with the Town before April 30 of each year.

All cats 3 months or older must be vaccinated for rabies also.

Animal Bites: If someone is bitten/scratched by an animal, contact the Police Department immediately. Wash and soak the area of the bite for 15 minutes. Contact your doctor or hospital for further instructions.

For everyone's protection, please make sure all of your animals have been vaccinated, are up to date on all their shots and keep them under control or leashed at all times.

Please watch for our Rabies Clinic in May of 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Carpenter
Animal Control Officer

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED DURING 1998

Single Family Homes	8
Apartments	1
Replacement Mobile Homes	1
New Mobile Homes	1
Garages and Barns	21
Decks/Porches	10
Storage Buildings	15
Signs	1
Additions	17
Commercial Use	2
Industrial Use	2
Alterations	17
Reconstruction	13
Demolition	4
Seasonal	1
Renewed Permits	8

Total Permits Issued	96
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Estimated Value Described by Permits:	\$3,830,350
Building Permit Fees Collected:	\$ 5,938

HEALTH REPORT/COMPLAINTS

Junk Yards	5
Building/Zoning	18
Rental Standards	9
Septic Systems	31
Safety Standards	5

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Dickson

Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement/ Health Officer

NORTHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

GREETINGS:

The annual report of the Northfield Police Department gives me the opportunity to reach many of the people I, unfortunately, don't speak to during the year. We at the Police Department are very excited about the accomplishments we have made this year, and look forward to the challenges of the next year, and into the next millennium.

Although the number of calls for service have decreased slightly since last year, we had a substantial increase in work hours, this is a result of the complex demands of our work and increases in arrest and court time. I am happy to say that I was able to maintain the budgeted overtime, this was possible because of a state grant that we received in 1998 from the Department of Justice. This was a grant written by our own Lt. Joe Corso which takes a proactive approach to Domestic Matters and Child Maltreatment. Attorney General, Philip McLaughlin, has praised our program statewide.

I am very pleased with our progress in many areas, specifically our close relationship with our schools and their staff. This team approach helps continue to keep our schools a safe educational environment, and provides a foundation to our children of good Citizenship.

We are currently working on additional youth programs to include a mentoring program and we must continue to focus on innovative ideas which support our concept, that the Youth of today is the government of tomorrow. It is my hope that many of you will continue to support community programs being designed in addition to what YOUR police are doing. Together we continue to make Northfield a wonderful community to live and raise our families.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Citizens of Northfield for supporting their Police Department. A heartfelt thanks to the men and women of the Northfield Police Department who work so hard for our citizens and community, I am privileged to be the leader of such a terrific group of people.

I wish to thank the Town Administrator, Town Hall Staff, the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee. A big thanks to the Road Agent, Albert Cross and his staff who maintain our roadways so very well, also special thanks to the Tilton-Northfield Fire Department, a group of very dedicated people who we work so closely with throughout the year.

It remains my goal as your Chief of Police to provide you with the most effective, professional police services, with the utmost fiscal responsibility.

Yours in Public Safety,

Scott E. Hilliard
Chief of Police

NORTHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	
Arrest		200	161	134	204	337
Summons	268	214	258	212	474	
MV Warning	<u>976</u>	<u>675</u>	<u>751</u>	<u>1,026</u>	<u>539</u>	
Total	1,444	1,050	1,143	1,442	1,350	
Property Checks	11,728	10,059	9,446	11,003	10,346	
Accidents	81	60	83	84	78	
Pistol Permits	116	69	27	23	88	
Total Hours						
Worked	15,862	11,891	12,466	13,848	19,250	
Miles Traveled/						
Patrol	72,925	66,027	88,968	92,564	92,606	
Incidents	5,126	4,253	4,627	4,503	4,197	
(Calls for Service)						
Other Incidents						50
(CCAT Grant-Calls for Service)						
TOTAL INCIDENTS						4,247
Walk In Assist			1,050	1,353	1,446	

INCOME GENERATED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Reports	390	320	340	205	374
Pistol Permits	1,160	710	270	170	880
Parking Tickets	95	75	220	255	80
Dog Fines	320	393	384	199	455
Miscellaneous	281	2	93	59	10
Witness Fees	1,468	1,176	1,410	1,480	1,675
Restitution Court	2,402	787	2,368	1,214	1,506
Special Detail				25,448	5,908
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TOTAL	6,116	3,463	6,155	29,467	10,887

**NORTHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
REVENUES
JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1998**

Pistol Licenses	\$ 880.00
Dog Fines/Kennel Fees	\$ 455.00
Restitution	\$ 1,505.80
Witness Fees	\$ 1,675.00
Parking Violations	\$ 80.00
Attorney/Insurance Fees	\$ 373.90
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 10.00
SPECIAL DETAILS:	
Sanbornton	\$ 420.00
Merrill (Water Project)	\$ 3,405.00
BFC (I-93 Seal Coating)	\$ 2,082.50
FEDERAL GRANTS	\$60,814.00
STATE GRANTS	\$10,163.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$81,864.20

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD PLANNING BOARD

Members: David Krause, Chairman, Douglas Read, Eloise Lyford, Donald Stevens, Caroline Boeckman, Ode Cormier, Michael Curley, Susan Lynch and William Nickerson, Selectman.

The following is a recap of the decisions the Planning Board made in 1998:

JANUARY 1998:

1. Kenneth E. Curran - to convert form of ownership to a 2 unit condominium with common ownership of land located on Rte 140 - (Map R14, Lot 7A). Approval was granted conditioned upon town counsel's review and recommendation of Condominium Declaration.

2. Elaine Moulton- application for two lot subdivision located on Peverly Road, Northfield (Map R6, Lot 15). The Board approved the two lot subdivision.

FEBRUARY 1998:

1. Ronald Burd proposed 28 lot subdivision known as Wethersfield located on Shaker Road, Northfield (Map R15, Lot 47). Phase I of plan (lots 47-1, 47-27 and 47-28) were approved by the board.

MARCH 1998:

1. Dennis Lynch proposed 2 lot subdivision located on Shaker Road, Northfield (Map R19, Lot 18). The Board approved the two lot subdivision.

APRIL 1998:

1. Donald Carpenter: Site Plan Application to install a crematorium unit at his business known as Birch Hill Kennels located on Rte 140 (Map R15, Lot 44-3). The Board approved this Site Plan.

MAY 1998

1. Alice King proposed 3 lot subdivision located on Concord Road, Northfield (Map R9, Lot 32). The Board approved the 3 lot subdivision.

2. Nextel Communication: Site Plan Application to attach antennas to existing tower and to locate a corresponding equipment shelter within the existing fenced in area on property located on Bean Hill Road, Northfield (Map R17, Lot 21-2). The Board approved the Site Plan.

3. Brian Young, Industrial Drive, Northfield, (Map R14, Lot 7-8) appeared before the board to have a Conservation Easement approved. The Board approved the Conservation Easement and the mylar was signed and will be recorded.

JUNE 1998

1. Home Again Inc. for Site Plan Application to expand existing home care facility currently know as the Perreault Home (Map U8, Lot 138). The Board approved the Site Plan.

2. Thomas Aylward/Leroy French for Lot Line Adjustment on property located on Sandogardy Pond Road (Map R8, Lots 52 & 53). The Board approved the Lot Line Adjustment.

3. Frederick and Lois Piszczek for 2 lot subdivision on property located on Oak Hill Road, Northfield (Map R1, Lot 2-3). The Board approved the two lot subdivision.

JULY 1998

1. Monique Cormier for 5 lot subdivision on property located on Rte 140, Northfield (Map R14, Lot 8). The Board approved the five lot subdivision.

2. Freudenberg NOK for Site Plan Application to construct industrial building on property located on Forrest Road, Northfield (Map U4, Lot 1-1, 1-2 and 1-3). The Board approved the Site Plan.

AUGUST 1998

1. Monique Cormier for 5 lot subdivision on property located on Rte 140, Northfield (Map R14, Lot 5). The Board approved the five lot subdivision.

2. Ronald Burd for approval of the remaining 25 lots of the subdivision known

as Wethersfield located on Shaker Road, Northfield (Map R15, Lot 47). The Board approved the subdivision.

SEPTEMBER 1998

1. Blue Sky Enterprises for a 3 lot subdivision on property located on Highland Mountain Road, Northfield (Map U6, Lot 3). The Board approved the three lot subdivision

OCTOBER 1998

1. New Killarney LP for Site Plan Application for construction of a building for maintenance, storage and caretaker residence and a 2 lot subdivision on property located on Scribner Road, Northfield (Map R5, Lot 35-2). The Board approved the Site Plan and the two lot subdivision.

DECEMBER 1998

1. Robert and Joanne Jordan for a 5 lot subdivision on property located on Keasor Road and Turnpike Road, Northfield (Map R16, Lot 27A). The Board approved this subdivision as a four lot subdivision.

2. The Board also held a public hearing regarding Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes. The Public Hearing was continued until January 13, 1999.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Shepard
Planning Board Secretary

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

The Winter of 1998 started out with a severe ice storm resulting in heavy damage to trees along many of the Town's roads and causing numerous power outages. Considerable time was spent on the cutting down and cleaning up of the damaged trees on Hodgdon Road, Shaw Road, the upper end of Bean Hill road and the upper end of Shaker Road. Winter itself was a mild one for snow accumulations due to warming spells in both February and March. Because of these warm ups, it also created two (2) mud seasons.

Spring projects consisted of sweeping off streets and the grading of dirt roads.

In June there were heavy rains causing severe washouts on Zion Hill Road, Hodgdon Road, Cross Mill Road, Knowles Pond Road, Shaker Road and Twin Bridge Road. The Town requested money assistance from the Federal Government (FEMA) to help offset the cost to repair these washouts.

Most of the summer months were spent repairing the washouts of June. Other projects completed: Sargent Street drainage, ditch cleaning on Bean Hill Road, Shaker Road, Knowles Pond Road and Susan Lane.

The last of the Town's bridges was replaced on Twin Bridge Road. This was a State Aid Project, 20% of the cost was the Town's portion and 80% was the State and Federal Government.

Fall work consisted of paving the remaining portion of Twin Bridge Road, a section of Reservoir Road and the reconstruction and paving of a section of Keasor Road. Regrading of dirt roads, roadside mowing and stockpiling of winter sand.

A new 12 X 14 office addition was completed at the Highway Garage this fall.

In November, the Highway Department took deliver of a new 10 wheel dump truck. This is to be used for hauling material and salting and sanding roads. Due to its larger capacity, these tasks are completed in less time.

The employees of the Highway Department would like to thank the residents for their patience and understanding during the inclement weather of winter months, as well as the construction projects during the summer months.

Respectfully submitted,
Albert E. Cross, Road Agent

WELFARE ADMINISTRATOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Town of Northfield assisted 115 households in 1998. The composition of households consisted of 192 adults and 214 children. The total amount spent on direct assistance was approximately \$33,795.

The savings of \$22,000 over the last years expenditures can be attributed mainly to the good employment opportunities that have resulted from the growth in the economy. The types of needs were still the same for those families that were eligible for assistance. Rent was the foremost request and \$26,000 of the money spent was for rents. The remainder of the monies were spent on food, medication, electricity and heating fuel. Ninety five percent of the families applying for assistance were one parent head of households. The tendency was that when income became limited, the families tended to pay the smaller bills first, and leave the larger bills to later. Thus, most households had food and had paid their light bills, but, were in jeopardy of being evicted for nonpayment of rent.

Welfare Reform has seen some positive changes this year. The State and the Federal Government have introduced the EBT cards. These cards are used by families receiving food stamps and welfare monies. These cards, which are used like Debit Cards, have all but eliminated lost and stolen food stamps and welfare checks. This has been a positive impact on local welfare. Also, the effort by the State to get people off welfare has been fairly successful with this current economy. For those who still could not enter the workforce, the State offered training and schooling. Further down the road, the PSNH restructuring has included within it a section for subsidizing low income families with their PSNH bills. If all goes well, it will be implemented during January of 1999. This will also have a positive impact on local welfare.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Stephen
Welfare Administrator

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Members: Kent Finemore, Chairman, David Curdie, Christopher Hunt, Steve Bluhm and Glen Brown, Selectman.

The following is a recap of decisions the Zoning Board made in 1998:

MARCH 1998:

1. Nextel Communications: Appeal from Administrative Decision regarding denial of building permit. Nextel applied for building permit to attach antennae to existing tower and to locate an equipment shelter within the existing fenced area located on Bean Hill Road (Map R17, Lot 21-2). The Board moved to uphold the appeal as submitted because the proposed expansion was within the spirit of the special exception granted by the Board in 1991.

MAY 1998:

1. Todd Workman, Home Again, Inc.: Application for special exception of Article 7, Section 7.1 regarding the Perreault Home located at 9 Summer Street (Map U8, Lot 138). The Board granted the special exception.

JUNE 1998:

1. Roland Duval: Request for Variance of Article 7, Section 7.1 to permit construction of a 24X24 hunting camp on property located on Polly Ham Road, Northfield, (Map R17, Lot 34D). The Board granted the variance.

2. Doris McNeil/Russell Barbeau: Request for Variance of Article 7, Table 2 to permit construction of a covered parking area on property located at 54 Elm Street, Northfield (Map U7, Lot 85). The Board granted the variance contingent upon the approval of the road agent and the issuance of driveway permit.

JULY 1998:

1. John Maltzie: Request for Variance of Article 7, Table 2 to permit construction of a garage on property located at 85 Bean Hill Road, Northfield. The Board granted the variance.

AUGUST 1998:

1. Wilfred and Maria Tilton: Request for Variance of Article 7, Table 2 to permit construction of a garage and relocation of storage shed on property located at 16 Sargent Street, Northfield (Map U3, Lot 19). The Board granted the variance.

OCTOBER 1998:

1. Howard Warren for White Mountain Rentals: Application for improvements to 35 Granite Street, Thompson's Trailer Park (Map U7, Lot 100). The Board approved the application for improvements and a plan was recorded with the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds.

NOVEMBER 1998:

1. Dolores Davidson: Request for Variance of Article 7, Table 2 to permit construction of a 15 X 10 carport on property located at 18 Arch Street, Northfield (Map U7, Lot 66). The Board granted the variance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Shepard
Zoning Board Secretary

REPORT OF THE TILTON-NORTHFIELD FIRE DISTRICT CHIEF

We certainly ended the year with a bang with the four alarm Surrette Battery fire. The outpouring of support from mutual aid and the members of our own communities was overwhelming and provided us with evidence that our services are both admired and appreciated. The cooperation and generosity of you, our friends and neighbors, impressed and encouraged our own firefighters, as well as firefighters who came in from other communities to assist. A heartfelt thank you goes out to you all.

The rest of the year was equally busy, although we thankfully operated in 1998 under status quo conditions. Our numbers appear to have leveled off thanks to both a slow down in new construction and our better ability to handle daytime calls with our staff of three full time personnel. Our call company roster has also remained a constant approximately 50 members.

All of our members continue to voluntarily educate and train, striving to better themselves and making our entire department impressive in their knowledge and skill level. You can be confident if you live within our communities that highly trained personnel will attend any emergency you may have.

We are also working on maintaining adequate and safe equipment and apparatus. We have a pumper which has reached 30 years of age. Due to the fact that it is showing its years, and may not continue to be safe to operate within the next couple of years, we have formed a committee to research the purchase of a new piece of apparatus. This committee is thoroughly researching a replacement for this attack truck. They are also investigating the viability of the purchase of a multifunctional piece which may also replace our failing ladder truck. This may allow us to replace two older trucks with just one truck that does the job of both. The committee will have a more in-depth report on their findings early in the new year.

We look forward to serving you in 1999 and even ahead to the new millennium with anticipation and enthusiasm. As always, feel free to contact me at the station if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours in Fire Safety,
Harold P. Harbour, Chief
Tilton-Northfield Fire District

TILTON-NORTHFIELD FIRE DISTRICT WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Tilton-Northfield Fire District, qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Winnisquam Regional High School Cafeteria on Monday, March 15, 1999 at 7:30 o'clock in the evening to act on the following:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
4. To choose a Fire Commissioner for the ensuing three (3) years.
5. To hear the reports of the Treasurer and the Fire Commissioners and pass any vote related thereto.
6. To see if the district will vote to renew the Water Contract and raise money for the same in the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand (\$105,000).
7. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$15,500) for the support of the Winnisquam Fire Department.
8. To see what action the District will take with respect to the purchase of one new combination Ladder/Attack Pumper Truck, to replace the 1963 Ladder Truck and the 1970 Pumper Truck. In the event that this article is passed, to see if the District will authorize the Commissioners to withdraw the monies accumulated in the Capital Reserve Truck Fund held by the Trustee of the Trust Funds, to be applied to the purchase.
9. To see what action the District will take with respect to co-operatively participating with the Winnisquam Regional School District in the

replacement of the underground fuel tanks which are located on the Fire Districts property. These fuel tanks are used by the Fire District, the Town of Northfield and the School District. The requested contribution is \$4,697.00. It is anticipated that the School District and the Towns of Tilton and Northfield will also participate in the cost sharing.

10. To see if the District will vote to accept the budget as submitted by the Fire Commissioners, and pass any vote in relation thereof.
11. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Fire Commissioners to apply for, accept and expend money from the State, Federal or other Governmental unit or a private source should any become available during the year.
12. To see what action the District will take relative to the ultimate disposition of accumulated insurance proceeds. Such proceeds are accumulated as a result of proceeds received from insurance companies as a result of transports by the Districts Rescue Squad.
13. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Fire Commissioners to borrow money in Anticipation of Taxes.
14. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

A true copy of the Warrant Attest:
Fire Commissioners

Thomas Gallant, Chairman
Andrew Sleeper
Gerard St. Cyr

**TILTON-NORTHFIELD FIRE DISTRICT
DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENSES 1998
PROPOSED APPROPRIATION 1999**

	1998	1998	1999 Proposed
Operating Expenses:	Appropriation	Expensed	Appropriation
Hydrants	\$ 110,000	\$102,491	\$105,000
Insurance	\$ 29,000	\$ 39,819	\$ 39,500
Payroll-Weekly	\$ 82,500	\$ 74,302	\$ 76,800
Payroll-Other	\$ 46,000	\$ 52,968	\$ 65,000
School Training	\$ 14,000	\$ 17,165	\$ 18,000
Alarm System	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
New Equipment	\$ 10,600	\$ 5,786	\$ 11,000
Truck Maintenance	\$ 18,000	\$ 22,240	\$ 23,000
Station Maintenance	\$ 23,000	\$ 26,797	\$ 27,000
Equipment Maint.	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,962	\$ 6,000
Equipment Replacement	\$ 13,000	\$ 8,640	\$ 20,000
Supplies	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,432	\$ 1,500
Office Supplies	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,024	\$ 3,500
Administration	\$ 35,100	\$ 39,417	\$ 49,250
Election & Registration	\$ 135	\$ 160	\$ 160
Interest Expense	\$ 3,100	\$ 424	\$ 4,575
Truck Fund	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Dry Hydrants	\$ 1,000	\$ -0-	\$ 1,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,728	\$ 3,000
Medical Supplies	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,102	\$ 3,000
Winnisquam Fire Dept.	\$ 14,700	\$ 14,700	\$ 15,500
 Total Operating Expenses	 \$438,335	 \$444,975	 \$493,285
Special Appropriation:			
Winn. Fire Dept-Article 8	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 4,697
 Total Special Appropriations	 \$ -0-	 \$ -0-	 \$ 4,697
 Grand Total Budget	 \$438,335	 \$444,975	 \$497,982

**TILTON-NORTHFIELD FIRE DISTRICT
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS- 1/1/98 TO 12/31/98**

Operating Account:

Balance January 1, 1998	\$	1,500.00
Interest Earned		333.62
Deposits		<u>711,632.14</u>
Total Funds Available		713,465.76
Disbursements		<u>(404,286.95)</u>
Balance December 31, 1998	\$	309,178.81

Payroll Account:

Balance January 1, 1998	\$	1,374.23
Interest Earned		141.52
Deposits		<u>144,170.63</u>
Total Funds Available		145,686.38
Disbursements		<u>(124,190.95)</u>
Balance December 31, 1998	\$	21,495.43

Money Market Account:

Balance January 1, 1998	\$	20,359.04
Interest Earned		55.00
Deposits		<u>10,324.25</u>
Total Funds Available		30,738.29
Disbursements		<u>(30,738.29)</u>
Balance December 31, 1998	\$	0.00

Insurance (Rescue) Proceeds:

Balance January 1, 1998	\$	27,133.79
Interest Earned		1,157.63
Deposits		<u>33,691.92</u>

Total Funds Available		61,983.34
Disbursements		<u>(13,146.49)</u>

Balance December 31, 1998	\$	48,836.85
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NH Public Deposit Investment Pool

Balance January 1, 1998	\$	0.00
Interest Earned		6,263.28
Deposits		<u>275,000.00</u>

Total Funds Available		281,263.28
Disbursements		<u>(203,300.00)</u>

Balance December 31, 1998	\$	77,963.28
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REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention and law enforcement. Early in 1998 we experienced an ice storm, which caused severe damage to forests of New Hampshire. This damage created a greater potential fire hazard as well as safety hazards to many areas of the state. Your local fire warden and Forest Rangers need your assistance in preventing wildfires in these hard hit areas and throughout the State. If you need assistance or information dealing with ice damaged woodlands, please call 1-800-444-8978.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1998 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1998)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	44
Carroll	89
Cheshire	67
Coos	18
Grafton	43
Hillsborough	232
Merrimack	108
Rockingham	121
Strafford	64
Sullivan	12

TOTAL FIRES	798
TOTAL ACRES	442.86

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	59
Debris Burning	38
Campfire	29
Power Line	14
Railroad	09
Equipment Use	24
Lightning	16
Children	95
OHRV	06
Miscellaneous	53
Unknown	140
Fireworks	6
Arson/Suspicious	16
Illegal	231
Rekindle	43
Disposal of Ashes	19

“REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!”

Respectfully submitted,

Lee A. Gardner, Forest Ranger

Harold P. Harbour, Forest Fire Warden

NORTHFIELD CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The Northfield Cemetery Committee was reorganized on May 21, 1998 with Albert Cross, as Chairman, Marion Houlihan as Secretary and members: William Dawson, Steve Mazur and John Suldenski.

It was explained that \$4,000 was appropriated for town cemetery use, as follows: Mowing, cleaning stones, cutting and removing trees, repairing stones, if possible, repairing Arch Hill Cemetery fence and Oak Hill Cemetery stone wall.

In 1995: The American Legion removed trees and other debris from Glidden Cemetery. The Town also removed large trees from Hodgdon Cemetery.

In 1996: Dubois of Laconia put in 16 flat stones in Arch Hill Cemetery and cleaned some stones. The Town also removed two large pine trees from Arch Cemetery.

In 1998: The Committee met in June but due to inclement weather, the committee was unable to go to the cemeteries. In the Spring of 1999 it is hoped that the Committee can get the work done that was started in 1998, such as repair the fence at Arch Cemetery and the repair the stone wall in the Oak Hill Cemetery. The committee will then take photos and catalogue for further use.

The following is an accounting of monies spent: Repair riding lawn mower: \$400.18, labor: \$1,524.00 with a balance left of \$2,570.13.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Houlihan
Secretary

HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Library Hours:

Monday and Thursday	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Trustees:

Sally Lawrence, Life Term
Scott D. McGuffin, Life Term
Edna Southwick, Life Term
Foster Peverly, Chair through 1998
Eliza Conde, through 2001

The Library Trustees meet the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm at the library.

Staff: Robert Burke, Librarian, January 1, 1998-September 14, 1998
Mary Ahlgren, Librarian, began September 14, 1998
Coral Theberge, Assistant
Gloria Nash, Assistant for children's services, began October 9, 1998.

Volunteers: Donna Burbank and Elaine Ambrose helped with counting books on the shelves in the library and with the summer reading programs as well. The McBees provided a puppet show once again. Jean Wright does cataloging every week almost all year. When I began, the many papers stored in the library attic were in good order thanks to Don Abbott. Tom Jordan was once again responsible for the lights on the library Christmas tree. There are others I am sure, and I extend my thanks to them with my apologies for not being able to give them names.

Programs: Story times are held during the school year on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. After school programs have been led by Windbells Workshops and Coral Theberge. They will continue at varying times during 1999. The 1998 summer reading program had 142 children sign up with active participation by more than 50 of them. Events included a puppet show by the McBee family, and prizes in the form of savings bonds were donated by Advanced Plumbing and Heating.

Gifts were given to the library in memory of Lloyd Baker by Patricia Goguen, and Benjamin Ahlgren by Lisa Lagasse and in honor of Roberta Burke by the Colpitts family. We received gifts of books, videos and audio tapes from Bob Landy and many others. Skip Hanks gave us a computer, Scott McGuffin bought us a new answering machine and the Altrusa Club, the Tilton Northfield Garden Club and the Rotary Club have all supported us with generous contributions.

In September, Roberta Burke, librarian for five years, retired. She made many friends during her time here and we thank her for her extraordinary contribution to the library and community.

Library statistics for 1998:

Adult circulation:	14,938	Juvenile Circulation:	12,565
Periodicals	1,193	Audios	2,869
Videos	4,539	Out to other libraries:	225

Total material circulated: 35,450; Total number of people: 20,126 with 507 new or updated cards.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ahlgren
Librarian

HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY BUILDING PROJECT

The Trustees and an appointed building committee are hard at work studying library plans and looking at the best use for present and future space in order to get the most for our dollars. The plot of land belonging to the library is very small, so we want to make the best plan to get the most possible use out of the new addition as well as the present building. Recognizing the importance of the historical nature of the building, the planned addition will tie in with the old by using similar bricks, roofing, etc. The major improvement will of course be making the library accessible to all while creating additional space for library materials, computer workstations, reading areas, etc.

We have raised approximately \$250,000 toward the expected cost of \$480,000 for this addition through the generosity of both Northfield and Tilton, private individuals, local businesses, banks and private foundations. We are actively seeking additional funds through grants and foundations and private donations. The Tilton-Northfield Rotary Club has been very successful in raising money for the library through selling bricks and slabs for the walkway. If you haven't visited and "read" the walkway, please do. It is not too late to contribute in this way and commemorate someone at the same time.

We would like to thank those people and businesses who have already made donations to the library building fund and encourage everyone to participate in this worthwhile project for the community.

Respectfully Submitted:
Eliza H. Conde, Treasurer

NORTHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Programs this year were arranged by Dick Smart and Gerard St. Cyr.

In May, Bob Woodward spoke on "Early New Hampshire". In June, David Court spoke on "Restoring Weathervanes" and this was continued in September after we had the use of a projector. In July we had a pot luck supper at the hall, because of pending showers and members brought old artifacts to share. In October we had Virginia Taylor on "Historic Cooking". In November, Dick Caveney gave a program on the "Rand Family History".

We had an average of 18 members at each meeting this year.

We are interested in having new members. We meet in the third Monday of the month except in February, March, August or December. We meeting the basement of the Northfield Town Hall. Our yearly dues were voted to be \$5.00 per year.

One of our most helpful members, Dick Smart, was honored as Citizen of the Year for Northfield. All very well deserved for his contributions. He was recognized by his friends in May with a great testimonial.

The Cemetery Committee has completed a list of all known cemeteries and private plots in the town. We hope to have a map of same shortly.

Our project of cleaning our artifacts at the library, and storing on containers, will be continuing this year. At this time, I would like to "thank" Donald Abbott for the time and effort he put in getting us started.

We still have many Northfield Histories for sale for \$20. They are available at the Northfield Town Hall.

The highlight of the year was the second Christmas party held at the home of Gerard and Connie St. Cyr.

Submitted,

Lois Caveney
President

TILTON-NORTHFIELD OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE

For the third time since 1980 we had rain on Old Home Day. You never would have known it. Bob and Diane Watson, who organize the road race, usually see about 100 racers. To their pleasure and surprise, they had almost 150 runners this year! Northfield Police Chief Scott Hilliard also joined the Road Race Committee this year which brought in DARE as a sponsor and lent to the overall success of the event.

Mary Felona joined the Old Home Day team last Spring as the head of the Parade Committee and with the help of Bob Bousquet, did an excellent job. The rain gave us a slow start, but folks came out with their raincoats and umbrellas just the same and were treated to a myriad of floats and marchers.

The horse pulls went off as scheduled, as the drafts did not mind pulling in the rain. Competition remained fierce!

The Tractor Pull on Sunday brought in 12 more tractors than in recent years. Steve Swain, with the help of Willie Ball provided us with an excellent program.

The fireworks were held off until Sunday due to the rain, but were well worth the wait. The show was spectacular. Prior to the sky show, the Fire Department had their annual Muster in the Tilton School Athletic Field. A new addition in the athletic field this year was a concert made possible by Alan Hartwell.

A hearty congratulations to Citizens of the Year, David Huckins of Tilton and Dick Smart of Northfield. Both of these gentlemen have been tremendous contributors to the good of our communities.

It was really a full, good old fashioned "Old Home Day". Myself and the Committee cannot thank all the contributors and patrons enough for all of your hard work and support!

Make Old Home Day a family tradition!

Mike Summersett, Chairman

OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mike Summersett, Chairman, Tony Cross, Co-Chairman, Carol Cross, Treasurer, Marion Houlihan, Secretary, Bob Watson, Diane Watson, Joyce Summersett, Bob Nicol, Mary Ann Witham and Wayne Huckins, Mary Felona, Bob Bousquet, Scott Hilliard and Sally Robert.

TILTON-NORTHFIELD OLD HOME DAY

Budget October 1997-October 1998

BALANCE ON HAND OCTOBER 1997	\$3,209.92
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INCOME:

Town of Northfield	\$2,500.00
Town of Tilton	\$2,500.00
Gate Donations	\$ 894.00
Raffle	\$ 700.00
Fish Pond	\$ 206.00
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 73.00
Booths	\$ 565.00
BBQ	\$ 917.00
French Fries	\$1,040.00
T-Shirts	\$ 822.00
Ads & Donations	\$3,365.00
Interest on Funds	<u>\$ 53.41</u>

Subtotal Income	<u>\$13,635.41</u>
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TOTAL INCOME:	\$16,845.33
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EXPENSES:

Fireworks	\$4,500.00
Parade & Trophies	\$2,222.00
Ossipee Mt. Electronics	\$ 311.50
Albert Prue (tent)	\$ 200.00
Piper Printing	\$ 734.00
Spoofs Gabbling Circus	\$ 300.00
Bea Estelle	\$ 400.00
Postage	\$ 96.00
Prize Monies	\$ 500.00
Brother's Donuts	\$ 21.00
C.S. Woods	\$1,284.00
Mulligans	\$ 437.00

T/N Explorer Post #875	\$ 250.00
B&S Septic	\$ 375.00
NBS	\$ 122.00
Bryant & Lawrence	\$ 7.50
K.E.S. Sports Apparel	\$ 549.00
Zanka	\$ 52.00
Kipp Trading	\$ 262.00
BJ's	\$ 198.00
T.L. Roy (refund of ad)	\$ 100.00
Misc. Supplies	<u>\$ 132.45</u>
 TOTAL EXPENSES:	 \$13,053.45
 BALANCE ON HAND OCTOBER 1998:	 \$ 3,791.88

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Cross
Treasurer

**PARK CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 1998**

BALANCE ON HAND - JANUARY 1, 1998 \$ 3,881.87

INCOME:

Services & Lots	\$12,770.00
Interest Tilton Trust Funds	14,026.06
Town of Northfield	1,750.00
Town of Tilton	1,750.00
Foundations & Markers	1,400.00
Interest 1st Deposit	141.64
Northfield Trust Funds	<u>43.83</u>

Subtotal \$31,881.53

Total Income \$35,763.40

EXPENSES:

Wages	\$15,669.14
Taxes (Employee Income & S.S.)	3,440.28
Telephone	341.73
Electricity	317.32
Oil/Gas	178.00
Parts/Equipment	1,260.61
Supplies	243.64
Insurance	3,130.00
Office Supplies	201.36
Perpetual Care Fund	4,500.00
Dues	110.00
Memorial Pots	181.19
Tools	146.00
Toilet	255.00
Ads	124.03
Equipment Fund	500.00
Tree Removal	900.00

Legal Fees	130.00
Loam	336.00
Lawn Mower	119.00
Building Repairs	<u>83.56</u>

Total Expenses	<u>\$32,166.86</u>
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BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1998	\$ 3,596.54
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INVESTED FUNDS:

Perpetual Care Funds	\$23,155.84*
Perpetual Care C.D.	24,021.73*
Dias Fund	6,606.46
Investment Fund	9,596.66
Equipment Fund	2,586.78

*Interest only may be expended

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy A. Huckins
Secretary/Treasurer

**THE PINES COMMUNITY CENTER
TILTON-NORTHFIELD RECREATION COUNCIL**

61 Summer Street

286-8653/Fax 286-2211/e-mail: pines@worldpath.net

Hours: M-F 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m./Weekends: As scheduled

Dear Tilton & Northfield Residents:

The Tilton-Northfield Recreation Council and staff at the Pines Community Center have had a very busy and productive year serving the residents of Tilton and Northfield.

At this point the Tilton-Northfield Council is working hard to finish off the downstairs area. The improvements will include both a community room and a computer room. We expect that the additional room will afford us the opportunity to offer more to our members. Providian Bank has donated to us six computers that will be a good start to our computer room.

Our **Program Booklets** are now available at the center. A new Booklet is published each September listing many of the years activities and programs. **The Pines Times** is our monthly newsletter (except for July and August) that is available for either pick up at the center or for \$5.00 you may subscribe to this newsletter and we will mail it to you every month. It is a great way to keep up with what is happening here at the Center.

The Pines Community Center is also available for rentals for weddings, parties, showers, etc. contact us for further information. Several of our rooms are used on a daily basis by several non-profit organizations in the area for meetings. If you are a non-profit organization and are interested in space that we might have available, contact us. The Tilton-Northfield Recreation Council would like to thank the residents, participants, Town offices, Highway Departments and many local businesses who give both time and money to help us offer more to the communities.

Submitted,

Melba Read, President

T-N Recreation Council Members:

Melba Read, Shirley Curdie, Dorene Tilton, Ellen Welch, Pat LaLiberte, Dick Smart, Laura Irish, and Rose-Marie Welch.

NORTHFIELD SEWER COMMISSION

The year 1998 for the Northfield Sewer Commission was uneventful, with the exception of the usual back-ups and normal maintenance. The Commission was able to operate with a slightly reduced budget due to the fact that there were no substantial renovations planned, and no unforeseen crises developed.

The maintenance budget was overspent slightly due to a blockage on Bay Street which required the expertise of Partridge Construction to assist the Commission in replacing a crushed line. This particular portion of the sewer system will require substantial investment in replacement in the near future. Perhaps 20% of trouble calls stem from the deteriorated condition of the portion of the sewer from the corner of Summer Street to the overpass on Bay Street. The Commission will be making preliminary plans for some construction on this line in the coming year.

There were no purchases of additional equipment in the past year. Ordinary supplies which were purchased were budgeted items. This is a continuing annual expense. It does not appear that, with the exception of Bay Street, that there will be any other reconstruction to be included in the budget for 1998.

The Commission was saddened by the passing of Owen Clifford, who was a Commissioner for four years and was an invaluable member who was willing to help in any way.

The annual meeting of the Sewer Commission will be held on March 6, 1999 at the Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. The budget will be presented at that time and a replacement Commission will be elected to fill Owen Clifford's position. The public is encouraged to attend.

Northfield Sewer Commission,

Rob Steady
George Prescott

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Recycled tonnages for 1998 were down considerably. This was partly due to the lack of markets for certain items and the lack of residents recycling. The following figures show that the less recycled the higher the costs for disposal.

	<u>TONNAGES</u>	
	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
Aluminum	1.97	1.90
Cardboard	21.35	20.24
Glass	10.18	10.50
Magazines/Books	9.48	0
Mixed Office Paper	1.33	0
Newspaper	31.01	32.15
Plastics	4.93	3.40
Tin Cans	5.50	2.45
Textiles	<u>4.27</u>	<u>2.10</u>
Total	90.02	72.74

Our cost avoidance for these recyclables was \$2,764.12; the amount the Town would have paid to the incinerator for disposal.

We received \$1,470.85 in revenues for the above materials that were marketed. We also received \$1,043.72 for the sale of metals. For the first time in several years we did not receive a check from the Cooperative due to the fact we went 9.72 tons over our GAT (Guaranteed Annual Tonnage). This cost the Town an additional \$369.36. We also increased our GAT by 50 tons, an additional cost to the Town of \$1,825.00. The more that is **RECYCLED** the less the Town has to pay!!!!

Those of you who have continued to visit the Recycling Center might have noticed our new building. This is "**NORTHFIELD'S RECYCLING STORE**" feel free to stop in and browse. Items are rotated on a bi-weekly basis and they are **FREE** for the taking.

TONNAGE

Waste delivered to the incinerator	2,209.72
Waste delivered to the landfill	133.75
Scrap metal recycled	80.29
Shingles	50.70
Recyclables	<u>72.74</u>
Total	2,547.20

If you have any suggestions on how to improve the Recycling Center, please talk with the attendant on duty or call me at 286-4482 or 286-4490.

The Recycling Center is located off Sargent Street and is open Wednesdays from noon until 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m until 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Huckins
Recycling Coordinator

SUPERVISOR'S OF THE CHECKLIST

The aim of the Supervisors of the Checklist of Northfield has been to streamline the process of registration for the convenience of the people of Northfield. It is for this reason that authorization has been given to the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk to register voters during their office hours so that prospective voters are not limited to our scheduled sessions.

If there is a doubt in your mind as to whether you are registered, check our current checklist which is available at the Northfield Town Hall and at the Police Station. Should you find your name is not on the checklist, then either register with the Town Clerk or come to a regular meeting of the Supervisors. When we have scheduled sessions for additions and corrections to the checklist, we advertise the session dates in the Laconia Citizen newspaper; we post a notice on the outside bulletin board at the Town Hall, the Town Clerk's office and the outside bulletin board at Jim's Drive-In.

By new state legislation, we now are able to register to vote during any election and be able to vote that day. Please note that this does not include the Saturday Town Meeting Day or the School or Fire District meetings.

If you should have any questions on registration procedures, please check with the Town Clerk's office or the Supervisors of the Checklist.

Registered voters:	Democrat	576
	Republican	879
	Undeclared	926

Total registered voters:	2,381
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Respectfully submitted,

Terry Anne Steady
Deborah Wheeler
Elaine M. Lamanuzzi

CONCORD REGIONAL SOLID WASTE
RESOURCE RECOVERY COOPERATIVE
1998 ANNUAL REPORT

1999 BUDGET

1. Wheelabrator Concord Company Service Fees	\$1,432,332
2. Rebates and Reconciliation	\$ 50,000
3. Bypass Disposal Cost Reserve	\$ 125,000
4. Franklin Residue Landfill	
a. Operation and Maintenance	\$ 889,370
b. Bond and Loan Payments	\$ 108,000
c. Expansion Sinking Fund	\$ 84,000
d. Closure Fund	\$ 28,000
e. Long Term Maintenance Fund	\$ 180,000
f. Emissions Control Sinking Fund	<u>\$2,000,000</u>
	\$3,289,370
5. Cooperative Expenses, Consultants & Studies	\$ 345,325
TOTAL 1999 BUDGET	\$5,242,027
6. Less - interest, surplus, recycled tons & communities over GAT	<u>(\$58,000)</u>
Net to be raised by Co-op Communities	\$4,384,027

1999 GAT of 120,113 and Net Budget of \$4,384,027 =

Tipping Fee of \$36.50 per ton

We are happy to report to all member communities that 1998 marked the ninth complete year of successful operations. Some items which may be of interest follow:

The 1999 budget reflects a reduction in the tipping fee to \$36.50 per ton. This is the fifth consecutive year the Cooperative has been able to either lower or maintain the tipping fee.

The waste delivered to the Wheelabrator facility this year was 128,017 tons. That represents an increase of 8,076 tons over 1997, or a 6.7% increase. The amount of trash delivered continues to rise as predicted.

A total of 64,525 tons of ash were disposed of at the Franklin ash monofill. Things continue to operate well at the ashfill. Phase III Stage II is being filled at this time. This most recent expansion (1996) will provide disposal capacity for the next seven years.

The Cooperative has completed negotiations with Wheelabrator for the emissions retrofit. The retrofit must be completed by January 2001 to meet EPA and DES regulations.

LAKES REGION FAMILY SERVICE

95 Water Street
Laconia, NH 03246
524-5835/524-7862 (fax)

Lakes Region Family Service greatly appreciates Northfield's support of our services. Forty-Two (42) Northfield families received services through LRFS in 1998. Sixteen students at Southwick School went through Peer Mediation training. A new offering to Winnisquam Regional High School students is an eight week session on Conflict Resolution, Anger Management. These sessions will be ongoing throughout the 1998-1999 school year. In 1997, LRFS opened its Child Access Center, which offers supervised visits for non-custodial parents. Fourteen Northfield families utilized this program in 1998. Please call for information on any of the following programs:

- Counseling:** Children, adolescents, adults, families, couples, groups
- Mediation:** Parent/child & family, tenant/tenant, victim/offender, In school peer mediation training, divorce & post divorce.
- Family Support:** Supervised visitations, in home parent aide service (court referred)
- Child Advocacy:** Support services for children (and their non-offending family members) who are victim of sexual abuse or who have witnessed violence.

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

LRPC, with a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and Merrimack Counties, is one of the nine regional planning agencies established by state statute. We continued to have a very busy year. Our work programs remain diverse with activities such as local planning assistance, circuit rider planning, regional information systems and mapping, transportation planning, economic development, and natural resources planning. We are funded through multiple sources including local dues contributed by member municipalities. LRPC was called upon many times each day to provide local technical advice, and to respond to requests for service. We have also continued to maintain a regular dialogue with those state agencies that depend on us for a linkage to the communities in the Lakes Region. Our goal remains to provide support and leadership to the region, its governments, businesses and citizens.

A few of our accomplishments over the past year are as follows:

- * Co-hosted and organized three public Municipal Law Lectures, a public workshop on excavation taxes, and a workshop on the dollars and sense of conservation open-space zoning. Attended many local meetings for technical planning assistance.
- * Initiated a comprehensive outreach effort to identify preferences for areas of local natural, historic and cultural significance in our 31 communities. Responded to two requests under the Developments of Regional Impact statute.
- * Prepared a report on trends in commercial, industrial and residential development permits in the Lakes Region from 1992 to 1996.
- * Approved transportation enhancement projects for consideration by the NH Dept. Of Transportation. Completed the first of a two-year Scenic Byway Plan for the Lakes Region Tour. Staffed the Route 16 Corridor Study. Created a video on Access Management using computer simulation.

- * Coordinated the 13th annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection (HHW), the largest single day, multi-site collection in New Hampshire. Renewed efforts to include a permanent HHW Collection Center.
- * Guided area economic development policy as a board member of the Belknap County Economic Development Council and the Newfound Economic Development Corp.
- * Served as the Lakes Region's data clearinghouse for U.S. Census, demographic and statistical data. These data are available to community officials and the public. Updated sections of the regional land use map using geographic information system technology. Responded to requests from all member communities.
- * Amended LRPC's Bylaws to ensure that commissioner membership and meetings would include geographic balance throughout the region.
- * Represented the region before the International Forum of Coastal Communities on Tourism and the Environment.
- * Provided support to the U.S. Americorps staff working with local landowners for water quality and land management. Staffed the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee. Conducted reviews of flood plain ordinances.

We look forward to serving Northfield in the future. Feel free to contact LRPC at 279-8171 for additional information or whenever we can be of assistance.

Thank you for your support.

Kim Koulet, Executive Director
Lakes Region Planning Commission

NORTHFIELD-TILTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.**1998 HIGHLIGHTS**

The NTEDC continues to support a recreational walking/bike trail along the sewer interceptor through the two towns. The complete project could link towns from Boscawen to Meredith. We submitted a letter of support to the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, Transportation Enhancement program and meet with both Northfield and Tilton Town Administrators

The potential cleanup and development of the Surrette Battery building and grounds is an ongoing project with the Town of Northfield. The recent fire is looked at as an opportunity not a deterrent in the future development of this property.

Many months were spent by the Board researching the possible purchase to the Tilton Engineered components building located in Tilton. The property was offered to the NTEDC well below market value in return for a tax deduction for the owners. Engineering reports were reviewed and proposals for repairs gathered and advertising for space listed in the local newspapers. The focus was to determine if the property could be developed into a business incubator offering reduced lease costs and shared administrative support. Our determination was the property could be developed using local contractors, community support and seed funds from various grants. By factors beyond our control, the Belknap County Economic Development Council took ownership of the property and now is marketing it with the potential development of Mill Falls in Meredith.

Entrepreneurs Club meeting was held at the Pines Community Center, the topic was Creating a Web Site. Stimulating discussion on the marketing/sales potential from local business people who have learned by trial and error and from a local web designer.

Richard Maher was awarded the Sam Walton Business Leader Award. The award is to salute outstanding businessmen and women who best

exemplify the principals of Sam Walton; respect for individual, service to customers and a commitment to strive for excellence.

We welcome Freudenberg NOK back to Northfield and are excited with the construction of their second facility on Forrest Road.

NTEDC is a 501C(3) private non-profit corporation, all donations are tax deductible and will be used to improve our communities. Annual membership dues are \$35.00, monthly meetings are held the fourth Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Quality Controls. All meetings are open to the public, please call us at 286-4211 or mail PO Box 659, Tilton, NH 03276.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven V. Bauer, President, NTEDC

TILTON-NORTHFIELD-SANBORNTON CHRISTMAS FUND

As Chairman of the T-N-S Christmas Fund for 1998, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you for your participation in this worthy endeavor.

The 1998 season resulted in our assisting 368 people in 144 households. The compliment of people was 145 adults, 63 elderly and 160 children. We provided gifts for 160 children and winter boots and jackets for 123 of these children. We also provided gifts for the 63 elderly that we served.

We have all been individually blessed in varying degrees with the bounties that life can afford us. It is however, refreshing to me to see so many give of themselves for the benefit of the elderly and those families which find themselves in need at this particular time of the year. I believe that we can all feel personally proud that through our contributions, large or small, we have played a part in bringing a bit of joy into the lives of those who are benefactors of the T-N-S Christmas Fund.

On behalf of myself and this years co-chair, Becky Gallant, we would like to extend the best to you in the upcoming year and again personally thank you for your participation.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas G. Gallant
Chairman

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

UNH Cooperative Extension provides Merrimack County residents with research-based education and practical information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families, and communities, sustain natural resources, forests, wildlife and agriculture, and improve the economy.

Because of our partnership with Merrimack County, the State of New Hampshire and the Federal Government, we go by the special name of UNH Cooperative Extension. In every Merrimack County community this partnership is at work, increasing economic development, enhancing the environment and developing human potential.

Merrimack County residents also benefit from statewide Extension programming. Among these many local and state efforts are monitoring water quality in our lakes and rivers, reducing the use of pesticides, parenting programs, 4-H and youth development programs, land use management, food safety, forest stewardship, family finances, meeting the needs of low income families, strengthening our communities, developing a strong volunteer base through our local Advisory Council, Master Gardeners, Family Focus parenting volunteers and 4-H leaders, and providing research-based information to citizens.

A major statewide Extension initiative, Strengthening New Hampshire Communities, has impacted Merrimack County. County staff have worked with many of the communities in a variety of ways. Community Profiles have been held in Henniker, Loudon and Pittsfield within the past two years. This community event helps community members create a vision about what they want their community to be like and then helps form action groups to work toward their goals. Follow up support is available from UNH Cooperative Extension staff. If this community process might be of interest to your community, contact the Merrimack County office for more information.

Other community efforts include after school programs, teen assessment

projects, land use management planning, wellness teams, town office visits, master gardeners, working with schools on maintenance of landscaped areas, and providing updated Extension publication notebooks to all town libraries. A family resource center and after-school project in Boscawen sees staff working with the community.

The staff in Merrimack County includes these Extension educators: Judy Bush, Debbie Cheever, Nancy Evans, Tim Fleury, Kathleen Jaworski, Debbie Luppold, John Porter, David Seavey, Marilyn Sullivan and three support staff. Educators reach approximately 1.5 out of every four families in the county.

Visit our office located at 315 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen (right next to the Merrimack County Nursing Home). We're open Monday-Friday, 8 AM until 4:00 PM. Call us at 225-5505 and 796-2151 or find us on the Web at [HTTP://CEINFO.UNH.EDU](http://CEINFO.UNH.EDU).

Submitted,

Judith Bush

UPPER MERRIMACK RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

With the 10-year anniversary of the Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee (UMRLAC) approaching, the committee reviewed its past work, looked to the future, and completed and approved a new 5-year strategic plan. The plan outlines UMRLAC's mission and goals in the areas of committee development, education, partnerships, fundraising, recreation, and media and outreach projects. The ambitious plan is flexibly structured to facilitate the creation each year of annual work plans. Interest has been expressed by the City of Concord to include goals and actions from the UMRLAC's **River Management and Implementation Plan** in their open space plan. The committee extends its gratitude to Kerrie Diers and Stephanie Vaine from the Central NH Regional Planning Commission for their planning assistance. The UMRLAC has also signed on its support to the work of the Citizens for Land and Community Heritage, who is building support for a new state-funded preservation program for land and cultural and historical resources.

As part of its state-established duties under RSA 483:8-a, the UMRLAC reviewed and commented on several river-related proposals including wetlands applications for the I-93 Exit 16 ramp renovation and the Energy North coal tar dump in Concord, a boat ramp project in Franklin, 2 site specific applications in Bow, and a waste removal/wetlands project at the Merrimack County Farm in Boscawen.

The popular Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program continues to expand its scope and partnerships. Philip Bryce, Director of the Division of Forests and Lands, NH Department of Resources and Economic Development, was invited to participate in the program. Director Bryce along with Douglas Miner, District Forest Ranger, learned about the program and worked with Michele Tremblay and Stephen Landry to collect and preserve benthic macroinvertebrates at the Merrimack River State Forest site. During the summer, the "Adopt-A-River-Site" Program was introduced to involve more corporations and groups in water quality monitoring in the upper Merrimack River watershed. Aries Engineering, Franklin Savings Bank and Franklin Waste Water Treatment Facility have each adopted sites. Negotiations are in process with several area corporations to sponsor the remaining sites. Sponsors not only provide financial support but many have offered their

volunteer time by collecting water samples and assisting with the biomonitoring component of the program. This winter, volunteers from all over the region will be participating in the program's 4th annual "Bug Nights". During these well-publicized events, volunteers receive free instruction and perform hands-on biomonitoring work. The UMLAC was awarded a grant by the NH Department of Environmental Services to analyze its water quality data, generate a 3-year report, create an identification key for volunteers, produce a brochure and newsletter, and organize a data-presentation/volunteer recognition event on the river. Work on these projects should be completed in the fall. For further information about the Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program, contact the UMLAC chair or visit their website at www.state.nh.us/des/uppermel.htm.

Committee members gave presentations to community leaders from Franklin to Bow on the UMLAC's work. The UMLAC is grateful to the cities and towns along the upper Merrimack River that have provided financial and in-kind support. UMLAC provided assistance to high school and college students studying the Merrimack River and its watershed. Steve Landry worked with students at the Three Rivers School in Pembroke who learned about river ecology and biomonitoring. Presentations to academic and peer groups were also conducted by the chair at the University of NH-hosted "Our New England Waters" conference and the Rivers Management & Protection Program/Volunteer Rivers Assessment/Volunteer Environmental Monitoring Conference. The chair presented "Planning for Implementation" and co-presented "Bugs: Up Close and Personal" with Geoff Dates, Science Coordinator, River Watch Network, a national nonprofit organization based in Vermont.

Successful legislation was spearheaded by the UMLAC this year in the legislative arena. Although ponds, lakes and other major rivers were included in the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act, several rivers (those nominated into the Rivers Management & Protection Program prior 1/1/93), including the upper Merrimack were excluded from the Act. The result was that these rivers, recognized for their unique qualities and community value were unprotected. Towns and cities were left to work through the resulting inconsistency and asked to allocate their own resources to create and enforce management programs. The UMLAC brought together committees representing Contoocook and North Branch, Lamprey, lower Merrimack and

Swift Rivers and coordinated legislative efforts to successfully pass Senate Bill 493. These rivers and their towns and cities now enjoy the benefits of shoreland protection. UMLAC expresses its gratitude to prime sponsor Senator Rick Russman; and co-sponsor Senators Larsen, Wheeler and Pignatelli and Representatives Merrill and Merritt.

The Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee held its annual meeting in October and elected the following slate of officers: Michele L. Tremblay (Boscawen), Chair; Stephen Landry (Boscawen), Vice-Chair; Susan Paschell (Bow), Secretary; and Stephen Robinson (Concord), Treasurer. The committee recognizes Ann Clement (Canterbury) and Eric Anderson (Bow) who resigned during 1998. The chair extends her gratitude to all of the members of UMLAC who have provided their collective ideas, energy, and commitment to preserving and protecting the upper Merrimack River and its watershed.

The Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee meetings are held on a rotating basis in each of the six represented communities. The committee meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. For meeting schedules, locations and further information, contact Michele Tremblay, Chair, at 796-2615, email at mtrembla@tds.net or contact your local representative, Richard Bellerose, Northfield.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele L. Tremblay, Chairperson

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF FRANKLIN

The VNA of Franklin is completing 53 years of service to the community of Franklin and its neighbors. Those years of experience have served us well in 1998 as we have maintained our focus and direction despite an ever changing regulatory environment in home care. We have determined to take a conservative route, doing what we do well and not trying to take on programs and services which are not financially viable.

This has been a year of constantly changing mandates and regulatory schedules which began with a deadline requirement for a surety bond only to have that requirement dropped mid-year until 1999. The Balanced Budget Act certainly changed the way we operate, as we are no longer reimbursed on a fee for service basis, but on a capitated rate per patient per year based on our 1993 costs. Medicare regulations also changed regarding reimbursement for certain skilled nursing procedures. All of these changes have had a major impact on home care agencies across the country resulting in closure of more than 2000 agencies.

The challenge of the Board of Directors and the management team was to stay flexible and focused in the face of the unknown. Working cohesively we faced difficult decisions together, downsizing, changing the organizational structure, cutting all program costs and lowering the agency overhead. Through this process we are now in a strong position to respond to technological demands and new opportunities in 1999. We have upgraded our hardware and software in response to federally mandated reporting requirements as well as preparing for the Year 2000.

During 1998 the VNA of Franklin provided over 3,200 home care visits to residents of Northfield. We continue to provide blood pressure screenings monthly at the Pines Community Center as well as flu clinics at the Pines and as requested for the employees of several community businesses.

The residents of Northfield are well represented on our Board by Roland Seymour, Rob Steady and Catherine Beaulieu. We look forward to continuing to serve the Northfield residents as we begin our 54th year of home care.

YOUTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Of Northfield, Sanbornton and Tilton, Inc.

The Youth Assistance Program is part of a network of similar community based programs throughout the state. Court diversion and prevention programs have been credited by courts, judges and police as a major tool in the effort to prevent youthful criminal activity. The latest statistical review for Northfield, Sanbornton and Tilton has shown that 93% of youth who complete their court diversion contracts with the Youth Assistance Program stayed out of further trouble with the law. This figure was obtained through a process used by court diversion programs all over the state and handled in the Concord office.

Youthful offenders in the program benefit when parents support their efforts by helping them take responsibility for their actions. If even a few youths are prevented from entering the court system and possible further placement our communities have saved enormously in human potential, manpower and financial resources.

The Challenge Training for youths caught with or using drugs, alcohol and/or drug paraphernalia is also of benefit for young people who have family members or friends in trouble with illegal drugs. Some young people take the Challenge as a community service project with the hope that their knowledge and sharing will make a difference to others. Young people are referred by the schools, police or families. Some are self-referred. Money for this training comes from the Governor's Drugfree Schools and Communities Grant.

In 1998 the Youth Assistance Program experienced a major long sought after change. New space was made available to us in offices owned by the First Savings Bank of New Hampshire. Our new location is 287 Main Street, Tilton. Our mailing address is PO Box 3068, Northfield, NH, 03276.

Our new office space has already made a difference in the morale of staff, volunteers and clients. We appreciate the opportunity as a nonprofit organization to use this space for the time being at a reduced cost.

Once again, we wish to express appreciation to our many volunteers, the police, school personnel and townspeople who support the youth of our communities.

Board of Directors: Marion Abbott, Janice Boudreau, Kent Chapman, Norman Couture, Melissa Duffy, Hal Graham, Marilyn Hennessey, Scott Hilliard, Ellen Lang, Linda Pardy, Gail Sharpe, Dick Smart and Rick Stewart.

STATISTICS

Court Diversion Cases	42
Counseling Cases	14
Court Ordered Services	9
Substance Abuse Training	38
Other Prevention Activities.....	31
Adult Participation	21
Total Youth Participation	134

Respectfully submitted,

Martha C. Douglass, Director
Dawn B. Shimberg, Assistant Director

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998

Date of Marriage	Name of Groom Name of Bride	Residence
01/09/98	Steven E. Griffin Catherine Marie Crear	Sanbornton Northfield
01/23/98	Kenneth James Lacourse Louise Pearl Gingras	Northfield Northfield
01/30/98	Wayne Paul Tardif Pamela Joy Tardif	Northfield Northfield
01/31/98	William J. Surowiec Lori J. Leith	Northfield Northfield
01/31/98	Adam Styles Reed Nicole Mashelle Campo	Northfield Northfield
02/14/98	Richard Emilio Bidorini Bonita Lynn Surowiec	Hull, MA Northfield
03/13/98	Kenneth R. Larrivee Pauline A. Labonte	Franklin Northfield
03/30/98	George E. Verrill Rose E. Grady	Northfield Henniker
04/26/98	John E. Lewis Kim Ann Kaukola	Northfield Northfield
05/02/98	Robert Harry Hurst Sr. Alice Irene Blaisdell	Northfield Northfield

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998**

Date of Marriage	Name of Groom Name of Bride	Residence
05/08/98	Paul Mathias Kornexl Patricia Lee Kornexl	Penacook Penacook
05/22/98	Robert Lee Irwin Donna Belle Hancock	Northfield Northfield
05/24/98	Carlos Manuel Alcantara Judy Marie Albright	Northfield Northfield
06/15/98	Daniel P. Vinal, Jr. Dawn Davis	Northfield Northfield
06/19/98	Joshua E. Bezanson-Perkins Andrea Lee Summersett	Concord Northfield
06/27/98	Joshua David Jackson Meredith Courtney Banks	Pensacola, FL Pensacola, FL
06/27/98	Richard O. Cochran Nancy L. Hollins	Northfield Northfield
06/27/98	Donny Ray Cross Barbara Irene Shaw	Northfield Northfield
06/27/98	Richard Allen Bardellini, Jr. Stacey Beatrice Rowell	Northfield Northfield
07/04/98	Richard Deardorf Fry III Laura Jean Mayhew	Northfield Northfield

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998**

Date of Marriage	Name of Groom Name of Bride	Residence
07/04/98	Charles French, Jr. Clara Ross	Northfield Northfield
07/04/98	Steven James Buxton Karen Rochelle Gilmore	Northfield Northfield
07/04/98	Robert L. Normandin Debra Mae Smith	Northfield Northfield
07/11/98	William James Ware, Jr. Virginia Georgia Langdon	Northfield Pt. Orange, FL
08/01/98	Kevin James Fife Polly Anne Mills	Northfield Northfield
08/01/98	Robert David Joyce Angela Jean Maltzie	Northfield Northfield
08/08/98	Thomas A. Seymour Lisa A. Mardin	Northfield Northfield
08/08/98	Mark Edward Fifield Tarra L. Mikels	Northfield Northfield
08/08/98	Kenneth Wayne Ambrose Diana Elizabeth Bosworth	Northfield New London
08/08/98	Joseph Matthew Griffiths Tara Ann Stockbridge	Northfield Northfield

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998**

Date of Marriage	Name of Groom Name of Bride	Residence
08/08/98	Peter Joseph Vachon III Ricki Charlene Russell	Northfield Gilmanton I. W.
08/18/98	Palmer Richard Edwards Nicole Marie Normand	Andover Andover
08/21/98	Scott Keith Hilderbrandt Carol Ann Ouellette	St. Agatha, ME St. Agatha, ME
08/21/98	Thomas Leon Hodgdon Donna Marie Fecteau	Northfield Northfield
09/04/98	Richard A. Innie Evelyn G. Thorgeson	Hooksett Belmont
09/05/98	Timothy Francis McCain Deirdre Alin Rogers	Tilton Tilton
09/09/98	Robert W. Dunbar, Jr. Johann I. Norton	Northfield Salisbury
09/12/98	John E. Daigneault Mary Ann D Smith	Bristol Bristol
09/12/98	Stephen David Freni Cheryl Ann Nicholson	Northfield Northfield
09/18/98	William C. Warman Violet G. Downing	Northfield Gorham
10/03/98	Randy John Nelson Jennie Lynne MacNeil	Northfield Northfield

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998**

Date of Marriage	Name of Groom Name of Bride	Residence
10/04/98	Joseph Michael Cafiero, Jr. Kristy Lee Willett	Northfield Northfield
10/31/98	David Mejia Heather Marie Gaffney	Northfield Northfield
11/14/98	Jonathan James Newton Elisabeth Ruth Bartlett	Groton, NH Northfield
11/10/98	Chris Edward Deragon Doreen Ann Morris	Bristol Bristol
11/20/98	Eugene Joseph Pantaleo III Christine Leigh Starr	Franklin Northfield
11/21/98	Philip S. Imprescia Laurie D Field	Northfield Northfield
11/22/98	Ralph W. Swanson Alicia J. Gorrell	Northfield Northfield
11/28/98	Jeffrey Alan Harris Jeana Elizabeth Barbuto	Northfield Boscawen
12/27/98	Daniel N. Coutu Judy M. Chambers	Northfield Northfield

Respectfully Submitted,

Eliza H. Conde, Town Clerk

Judy A. Huckins, Deputy Town Clerk

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
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Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father Name of Mother
01/15/98	Lebanon	Emily Rose Robbins	Russell Duncan Robbins, Jr. Katy Jane Robbins
01/22/98	Laconia	Kaylee Rose Sanborn	Kendall Archie Sanborn Melissa Mary Sanborn
02/26/98	Franklin	William Andrew Flagg, Jr	William Andrew Flagg Patricia Lynn Flagg
03/03/98	Concord	Keith Brendan Styles	William Andrew Styles II Tammy Ellen Styles
03/03/98	Concord	Breanna Elizabeth Styles	William Andrew Styles II Tammy Ellen Styles
03/15/98	Concord	Joseph Michael Perez	Chris James Perez Jeannette Joan Perez
03/28/98	Franklin	Michael Roger McDermott	Michael Francis McDermott Cheryl Ann McDermott
04/09/98	Franklin	Priscilla Elizabeth Duncan	George Vincent Duncan, Jr Rebecca Anne Duncan
04/20/98	Plymouth	Mackenzie Diane Moulton	Jason Austin Moulton Kathleen Ruth Moulton
04/22/98	Franklin	Jon Thurston Chambers	Jon Kerry Chambers Victoria Ann Chambers

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Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father Name of Mother
04/28/98	Concord	Sabrina Nicole Connor	Troy Connor Elsa Connor
05/05/98	Lebanon	Austin David Lavoy	Derek Jon Lavoy Carla Fayette Lavoy
05/15/98	Concord	Carly Jeanne Knapp	Peter Joseph Knapp Michelle Jeanne Knapp
05/18/98	Lebanon	Jacob Ryan Whitcomb	Jon E. Whitcomb Lori Ann Whitcomb
05/18/98	Lebanon	Justin Tyler Whitcomb	Jon E. Whitcomb Lori Ann Whitcomb
05/28/98	Laconia	Brandon David Kenney	William James Kenney Nicole Simone Kenney
06/14/98	Northfield	Syrah Grace Liles	Hugh Alan Liles Debra Ann Alexander
06/16/98	Laconia	Ireland Valerie Reed	Adam Styles Reed Nicole Mashelle Reed
07/02/98	Rochester	Kaylyn Rose Dion	Roger Dion Marie Dion
07/27/98	Laconia	Griffin Elliott Fredette	Jonathan Dean Fredette Rebecca Alice Fredette
08/07/98	Laconia	Lindsay Alivia Raymond	Gordon Woodbury Raymond Carol Ann Raymond

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Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father Name of Mother
08/09/98	Concord	Jake Robert Bousquet	Robert Bousquet Dina Clark
09/02/98	Concord	Thomas Leo Roy	Thomas Roy Sally Roy
09/08/98	Laconia	Grace Kathryn Weingartner	Edward George Weingartner III Candice Marie Weingartner
09/10/98	Laconia	Madison Paige Reynolds	Joseph Shane Reynolds Sarah Jean Reynolds
10/09/98	Concord	Amanda Lynn Barney	Scott Barney Alice Barney
10/11/98	Manchester	Aaron Boyd Cote	Michael Ronald Cote Dawn-Marie Cote
10/29/98	Concord	Peter Michael Beadle	Michael Beadle Vivian Beadle
11/09/98	Laconia	Andrew James Laramie	Joseph James Laramie Jennifer Lee Laramie
11/18/98	Laconia	Erika Marie Goodwin	Benson Harry Goodwin Bridget Marie Goodwin

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Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father Name of Mother
12/02/98	Concord	Camden Elizabeth Steady	Matthew Steady Mary Steady
12/17/98	Lebanon	Logan Bryce Krause	David Brian Krause Barbara Joan Krause
12/19/98	Concord	Sabrina Marie Bellerose	Richard Bellerose Sherrie Bellerose
12/29/98	Laconia	Alex Jonathan Smith	Kurt Smith Siobhan Droney-Smith

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**DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
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Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Name of Father Maiden Name of Mother
01/07/98	Northfield	Rosella Violet Whicher	Leon Allard Melvina Erwin
01/20/98	Concord	Forrest William Mills, Jr.	Forrest William Mills, Sr. Pearl T. Tucker
01/31/98	Tilton	James Patrick Cunningham	William D. Cunningham Margaret V. Mooney
02/03/98	Boscawen	Alice Bombardier	Emanuel Forant Rose A. (Unknown)
02/18/98	Franklin	Constance Ruth Nadeau	Joseph Laramie Mary Jane Fortier
02/26/98	Franklin	Dale Robert Glass	Ronald E. Glass, Sr. Ann Dunford
03/11/98	Franklin	Richard Henry Puffinburger	Mark Puffinburger Violet E. Smith
03/21/98	Laconia	Mary Esther Huckins	Edward Newcomb Rhodora Preston
05/12/98	Hooksett	Ronald A. Poirier	Henry Poirier Sandra Chandler
05/16/98	Northfield	William Arthur King	Donald Alvin King Alice M. Gabosch

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Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Name of Father Maiden Name of Mother
06/01/98	Concord	Gaylon Lee Finemore	Louis Finemore, Sr. Mertelle Grant
06/02/98	Concord	Harry Donald McKinnon	Donald McKinnon Evelyn Robinson
06/14/98	Franklin	Agnes Patricia Brassard	Louis Derosé Nellie Sabatess
07/15/98	Laconia	Kenneth Martin Gorrell	Herford L. Gorrell Ruth R. Ramsdell
07/18/98	Laconia	Ray Lewis Theriault	Walter F. Theriault Beatrice E. McPhail
07/18/98	Franklin	Clara Adams	Wilhelm Weide Carola Castein
08/04/98	Franklin	Charles Porter Little	Romie Little Lola Barnum
10/11/98	Franklin	Owen S. Clifford	George Clifford Rose Plante
11/18/98	Laconia	Erika Marie Goodwin	Benson Goodwin Bridget Brown
12/07/98	Franklin	Kenneth Lockwood	Glendon Lockwood Emma Heywood

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**TILTON & NORTHFIELD'S SUMMERTIME CLASSIC SERIES OF
1999 SAVINA HARTWELL MEMORIAL FREE CONCERTS
SUNDAY EVENINGS: 6:30 TO 9:00 PM**

Refreshments Available or Bring Your Own/Bring Chairs or Blankets

JULY 4	THE NEVER'S BAND Co-Sponsor: Ken Partridge Construction
JULY 11	AMOSKEAG STRUMMERS Co-Sponsor: Providian National Bank
JULY 18	EAST BAY JAZZ ENSEMBLE Co-Sponsor: The Gale Insurance Agency
JULY 25	ANNIE AND THE ORPHANS Co-Sponsor: Tilt'n Diner
AUGUST 1	KAREN MORGAN/PONY EXPRESS Co-Sponsor: Franklin Savings Bank
AUGUST 8	BAND OF CHOICE Co-Sponsor: Providian National Bank
AUGUST 15	2ND WIND: BLUEGRASS Co-Sponsor: Lucky Lenny's Truevalue Hardware
AUGUST 22	COLADA/BOMBERS Co-Sponsor: Jack Willey's Motorcycle Supplies
AUGUST 29	SWELL PARTY Co-Sponsor: Bryant & Lawrence Hardware

SAVINA HARTWELL BANDSTAND/TILTON ISLAND PARK

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OFFICE HOURS

Building Inspector:	Hours by Appointment	286-7039
Health Officer:	Hours by Appointment	286-7039

Hall Memorial Library:

Monday and Thursday:	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Planning Board:	Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm - Town Hall
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Recycling Center:	Wednesday 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Saturday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
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Selectmen:	Meet every Tuesday evening from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
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Town Clerk/Tax Collector	M,T,TH,F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Tuesday evenings 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm CLOSED WEDNESDAYS
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Zoning Board:	Meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm - Town Hall
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Winnisquam Regional School Board meets the 3rd Monday of
each month at 7:30 pm

